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Nothe Fort to get a facelift

MAJOR development plans are being drawn up to transform the heart of the Nothe Fort in Weymouth.

English Heritage is being approached about a scheme which will completely re-develop the whole café and entrance area.

If permission is granted

for the change then the existing café will be significantly improved for customer facilities and an extra seating area will be created for the new café.

by Harry Walton

Fort director David Joy said: "What we hope to achieve is one of the most exciting improvements at the Fort for years.

"We want to create a new

extended café and kitchen area with all the latest catering equipment, a new seating area and brighter conditions with a new glass entryway.

"The existing history video area will also be re-located below ground by the new World War I exhi-

bitions for 2014 which will include a room dedicated to Weymouth's connection with the Anzac troops.

"The completed project will see a new kitchen area in Casemate 9 and the café created in Casemates 8, 7 and 6.

"One wall between Casemate 6 and Casemate 7 will be partially demolished so a continuous single room can be achieved, restoring this part of the Fort to its original Victorian design."

He added that the new kitchen and restaurant area will have its own internal access to a new toilet block while toilets already serving the Fort will be upgraded under Phase II work which is hoped to start in winter 2014.

Mr Joy said: "We are also improving the Shifting Lobby display so our visitors can fully appreciate the dangers faced by the Victorian soldier while handling black powder explosives.

"If all goes well and we get approval from English Heritage for the work then it could all be completed and in place by Easter 2014.

"This will be vital for us because next year will be an extremely busy period

for the Fort marking the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War and our own staging for the first time of a Son et Lumiere involving local organisations in a sound and light production regaling audiences with the different historical stages of the Fort.

"All this is the culmination of a year's work to upgrade a large section of the Fort to improve facilities for our visitors. It is very exciting."

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GRAPHIC designer Wes Dowell, 28, grew up in Lyme Regis, his parents having lived in the town for generations running a popular ice cream kiosk on the seafront, before a recent move across the border to Axminster.

He studied at the Woodroffe School followed by a foundation degree at Bournemouth University and a BA Hons in graphic design at Thames Valley University in Reading.

Two years ago, Wes set up his own design company, Coastline Creative, which has gone from strength to strength. He is married to wife Lynsey and the couple have a young daughter.

● WHEN and why did you decide to set up your own business?

I think it is in my blood! My father, mother and grandparents run their own business, and growing up around them influenced me. The decision was very sudden though, Lynsey was six months pregnant and I was about to start a new job, when I realised if there was ever a time, it was now. It is also great to be able to spend more time being a dad, as I can work around spending time with my daughter.

● WHAT did you do before this?

I worked for a regional advertising agency in Yeovil as a designer for three years, before working at Water Babies as the graphic designer and marketing assistant.

● WHAT services does Coastline Creative offer?

All aspects of graphic design, print and web. I am particularly passionate about helping people start their own business, and can help with every aspect from branding, advertising, marketing and social media. I have experience designing pretty much everything, from logos and leaflets, to signage and vehicle graphics.

● ARE there any projects you are particularly proud of?

Yes, a very successful television advert for a dating company, for which I designed the characters and storyboards (it features uniforms if that helps!). I also recently designed the business cards for a former Prime Minister's wife.

● WHAT do you enjoy about the job?

Helping people fulfill their own ambitions of running their own enterprise or business. It's also extremely exciting to develop an idea into a finished product. Seeing

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your finished work printed in a magazine or newspaper always gives you a great sense of achievement too.

● WHAT do you like about the local area?

What is not to like? Countryside, stunning coastline, and we're only a short drive to the city if we need it. I consider myself very lucky to have grown up here, and that is why I wanted to start my business and family here.

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● WHAT do you think it's missing?

Affordable housing for young, local people. Having just managed to buy our first home in Axminster, we were very nearly forced to move further afield to find a suitable family home. Affordable commercial property is also key for start-up local businesses.

● WHAT are your personal interests?

I'm an F1 fanatic, and love motoring. And being a designer, I am very interested in design and typography. Family days out and walking the dog occupies my weekends.

● ARE you a member of any local groups?

I am a committee member for Candles on the Cobb, contributing all the design and marketing for the event. You may see me return to the football field again one day, as I am having a bit of a sabbatical at the moment.

● WHERE'S your dream holiday destination, and why?

Bora Bora Island. Preferably with no internet connection! It's so far from anywhere all you can do is relax.

● WHAT would you do if you won the Lottery?

Build our dream home and buy my dream car. I would also certainly put aside some money for my daughters university fees.

● WHICH three guests would you invite to your dream dinner party?

Will Ferrell, Zach Galifianakis and Steve Carell – Laugh-ter would definitely be on the menu.

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Ride the bus and surf the net

by Harry Walton

SIX new buses worth £870,000 have arrived in Weymouth to start work on the Service 2 route to Littlemoor.

Each vehicle can hold 37 seated and 33 standing passengers, has ample space for buggies and wheelchairs and is fitted with special features to make journeys more pleasant and comfortable such as leather seats, free wi-fi, audio-visual next stop announcements, real-time information and CCTV.

They were unveiled by the First Dorset bus company in a ceremony near Weymouth Pavilion where general manager Dervla McKay said the buses would run from the Kings Statue and along Dorchester Road to Canberra Road.

She added: "Littlemoor is one of our best performing routes, the area is long overdue for new buses and the two seemed to go together."

"Service 2 was chosen for the new buses because we recognise that this is a popular route for many of our customers, so we wanted to enhance their experience of travelling with First Dorset. We hope they like their new vehicles and we look forward to hearing their comments in due course."

Littlemoor borough and county councillor Mark Tewkesbury was delighted at the new buses and said: "This is fantastic news, long awaited. It is nice to see First investing in new buses. Long may it continue."



■ **WELCOMING the new buses**

Dervla McKay said First was currently investing in new vehicles across Dorset and Hampshire.

She added: "The wi-fi in particular is the legacy of the Olympics and the sailing events which took place

off the Weymouth and Portland coast. A significant area was upgraded to ensure exemplary wi-fi coverage throughout and we are thrilled to be able to reap the benefits of this for our new fleet of vehicles."

Museum reopens with new exhibitions

HISTORY, hats and hairdos were on show when Weymouth Museum was officially reopened at Brewers Quay after a three-year closure.

The new-look attraction includes a timeline of Weymouth's history to welcome visitors while inside there is the skeleton of a Wyke Regis Romano-British woman from the 3rd century AD.

Museum Friends chairman David Riches said: "We also have on show for the first time a carved Tudor wooden panel from 1550-1600. This is quite exciting because it is a highly decorative display which may have been in a wealthy merchant's house."

"Another new display is our Bazaar exhibit of late 19th century and early 20th century domestic equipment such as vacuum cleaners, bellows and irons."

"Our costume display covers the period from 1860-1950s while people will not have seen most of our gentleman's requisites display before."

"That includes pipes, cigarettes, razors, matches and even an ornate shav-

ing mug.

"We have also never had a children's corner before, but we have one now with a lovely display of toys and hats that youngsters can try on."

The museum was officially opened by Museum Trustees chairman Councillor Margaret Leicester who said: "It is a very exciting exhibition and it is very nice that we can open again."

"A lot of people know we have not gone into liquidation but are alive and well and displaying some of the many exhibits that the museum has."

"Plans for the development of Brewers Quay are being discussed by the council and include a new area for the museum."

"This will include a large ground floor area and café and galleries on the first and third floors."

Mr Riches explained that the first floor will be general items from the museum's collection, that the third floor will be a brewery display and that the first floor will be a range of different historical items.



■ **COUNCILLOR Margaret Leicester reopens Weymouth Museum helped by David Riches**

MP questions minister over future of prison

SOUTH Dorset MP Richard Drax has asked Prisons Minister Jeremy Wright to confirm that Portland Young Offenders Institution will be designated as Dorset's new resettlement prison.

The YOI has seen a change in its inmate population over the last year. Formerly housing younger prisoners, the prison is now home to a wider cross section of offenders of all ages from across the South West.

In his meeting with the Minister, Mr Drax was representing the views of a number of interested parties,

all of whom are closely involved with the resettlement of prisoners.

He said: "The current Governor, the Dorset Probation Service and the Police and Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill, are understandably keen that the YOI should be nominated as a resettlement prison."

"As prisoners reach the end of their term, it is important that they should live as close to their friends and families as possible. Research has shown that they are more likely to succeed in the outside world

and less likely to reoffend with a good support system in place. That only happens if the support system is relatively close to home."

"The last prison before their release - the resettlement prison - is therefore of the utmost importance to prisoner rehabilitation. If we can keep ours in Dorset, it will help enormously."

"I am glad to say that the Minister was listening and understood our point. He will give us his answer in the New Year."

Holiday let planning permission deferred

PLANNERS have agreed to defer permission on a scheme to alter and change derelict buildings in to five holiday lets so a suitable design can be thrashed out for the project.

A meeting of Weymouth and Portland planning committee agreed to the deferral so its officers could hold talks with applicants Oakenstead Estates about a revised application, possibly on a courtyard style.

Members were told that transforming the "redundant agricultural buildings" would "significantly" improve the character of the area by creating four one-bedroom units and one two-bedroom unit on the site off Watery Lane, Weymouth.

Upwey and Broadway ward councillor Robbie Dunster said: "I think the area itself is one which can be developed discretely on land which, at the moment, is a bit of mess."

He said the matter should be handed to planning officers for them to agree a scheme for single storey buildings on the site.

Councillor Paul Kimber said that the design as it was now was "unacceptable" while vice-chairman Councillor Kevin Hodder agreed and said that what was there at the moment was "doing nobody any favours".

Members then unanimously approved deferral, stressing that any future scheme should keep an opening through the site.

Carnival cash boost

A LIST has been released of those groups and organisations which have benefitted from the proceeds of the 2013 Weymouth Carnival.

They include Weymouth Choral Society, the Friends of Radipole Wood, Dorset Reading Partners, the Samaritans of Dorset at Weymouth, Weymouth Lions and the South West Dorset Talking Newspaper.

Weymouth and Portland Access Group, the Catholic Women's League, the Citizens Advice Bureau, Weymouth Senior Citizens Club, the Dorset Dyslexia Association and the Weymouth District Association of the Disabled were also helped as were Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research South Dorset, the Weymouth West Air Scout Troop and Weymouth Operatic Workshop.

Others to receive carnival cash include the Isle of Portland Rotary, Weymouth North Scout Group, Weymouth Community Firestation, the AsOne Theatre Company, Weymouth Community Volunteers, Wyke Regis Horticultural Society and Portland Portland United Youth FC.

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Painting to help vaccinate badgers

WEST Dorset artist Sam Cannon has donated one of her paintings to help raise funds to vaccinate local badgers against bovine tuberculosis (bTB).

The painting was given to the Dorchester-based voluntary animal welfare group Compassionate Dorset which campaigns to improve the lives of farm animals.

Sam, whose studio is based at Whitchurch Canonicorum, specialises in calligraphy pictures using watercolour and pen on paper. She created the painting entitled "Badgers" for Compassionate Dorset in response to the controversial badger cull that may be rolled out to Dorset next year.

The picture, along with five prints signed by the artist, and three other badger pictures by Compassionate Dorset, raised an £587 in an online auction.

Sam's badger picture raised £310.

All proceeds have been donated to local group "Dorset for Badger and Bovine Welfare" to fund badger vaccination across Dorset.

Compassionate Dorset



■ ARTIST Sam Cannon and Compassionate Dorset's Anna Celeste Watson with the badger picture which raised £310 in an on-line auction

Co-founder Anna Celeste Watson said: "I was thrilled when Sam told me she had created a picture for us to help badgers and then I found out about the 'Change for Life Badger Auction' on Facebook so I posted it up there. There was a bidding frenzy and it was very exciting and heart-warming to see so many people loved the picture and wanted to help our badgers.

"The lady who won the framed original actually celebrated her wedding

after winning the picture and runs a wildlife rescue centre in Gloucestershire so is one of many dedicated volunteers struggling to rescue injured badgers from the trial cull zones, so it couldn't have gone to a more worthy person.

"The calligraphy on the painting reads 'The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated' - and its a sentiment our group couldn't agree with more."

Artist Sam Cannon said:

"I couldn't be more pleased with the total raised to support Dorset badger vaccination projects.

"I was so chuffed at the thought that one of my paintings might do some good in the world that I've done another. Once again, this will be donated to charity and auctioned off.

"And if badgers being vaccinated helps protect all the beautiful cows that surround where I live as well, it seems a win-win situation to me."



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Members of the college council organised several fundraising events which collectively raised £2,000 to support victims left homeless after Typhoon

Haiyan in the Philippines.

These funds have been donated to purchase four Shelter Boxes each capable of providing emergency accommodation for one family.

The annual Poppy Appeal also benefitted when cadets from the college's

Combined Cadet Force packed customers bags at Sainsbury's and sold poppies across Weymouth on a Saturday morning.

These activities raised £1,163 which was presented to Weymouth Royal British Legion treasurer Steve Meter.



■ CADET Regimental Sergeant Major Dervla Ireland with cadets who supported the fundraising effort presenting a cheque to Steve Meter of The Royal British Legion

MP is guest of honour at chamber dinner

SOUTH Dorset MP Richard Drax thanked businesses for all their hard work when he attended the annual Weymouth and Portland Chamber of Commerce Christmas lunch.

Mr Drax, who was guest of honour at the event in Enzo Ristorante, said he appreciated the commitment and determination shown by owners and staff of the firms present at the lunch who represented the many businesses, large and small, in the area.

Mayor Ray Banham and Mayoress Pam Nixon were also present and the mayor said a few words of his own to thank those present for their contribution to the economy of Weymouth and Portland.

Chamber President Mark Blunden said: "This year saw Weymouth returning to something like "business as usual", particularly as we were blessed with a good English summer. Many of our members are also starting to see positive signs of recovery.

"However, firms are still waiting for the full

benefit of the Olympic legacy to arrive. We're optimistic that proposed major projects such as the redevelopment of North Quay and the Pavilion Peninsula along with Jurassica on Portland will provide a long-term boost to the area's future prosperity."

Richard Drax also used his address to the Chamber to announce that Sir Digby Jones would be coming to Weymouth in March 2014, to open a one-day apprenticeship conference that the MP is organising in conjunction with Weymouth College.



■ FROM left, Mark Blunden, Richard Drax and Ray Banham. Photo by Andy Cooke



■ MEMBERS of the College Council hand over the funds for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan to the Principal with, from the left, Josh Frampton, Lauryn Haskins, David Akers, Robyn Parker and Elliot Gear

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Council considers dispensing with chief executive

by Harry Walton

WEYMOUTH and Portland could dispense with the council office of chief executive.

Having no chief executive is now one of the options before a panel meeting to consider a replacement for Weymouth and Portland chief executive David Clarke who retires in April 2014.

The new option was approved by a meeting of the council's management committee, Councillor Ian Roebuck pointing out that some councils did better with a management team, so the option of not having a chief executive should at least be considered.

But members also agreed that due process would be followed in deciding on the position, particularly as the post covered West Dorset as well as Weymouth and Portland and colleagues in West Dorset would

need to debate the issue as well.

Acting chairman Councillor Peter Chapman said a chief executive in overall charge was "absolutely essential" because it "provided a sense of direction and, more importantly, leadership". If the panel wanted to come back with a different view, then "fine", but the panel was the way to do that.

Councillor Andy Blackwood said the idea should be "investigated" but Councillor Ian Bruce said he would not be keen on "remodeling what we do" although he would be happy to hear both councils' views on the idea.

The meeting then approved a panel comprising three members from each council based on political proportionality looking at the vacancy, possible replacements but also an option of not having a chief executive.

Tasty festive treats for Weymouth veterans

LOCAL veterans got an early taste of the festive season when Weymouth and Portland council invited them to a Christmas treat of tasty mince pies and Christmas cake.

The event at the Weymouth RAFA Club in Maiden Street formed part of the borough's December Veterans Rendezvous.

The traditional Christmas cuisine of Christmas cake and mince pies was kindly donated by the Dorset Cake Company and presented along with festive greetings by Weymouth and Portland Mayor and Mayoress, Ray Banham and Pam Nixon.

Mr Banham said: "We are very proud of our strong relationship with the veterans' community and associations and

commend them for their wonderful support at Weymouth's annual Armed Forces Day Celebration's event in June. I would also like to thank Dorset Cake Co. for supplying the Christmas treats for the veterans again this year."

Dorset Cake Company managing director Paul Walden said: "We are delighted to have the opportunity to supply our local veterans and friends with a Christmas treat fresh from our local bakery. It's great to be able to contribute to the Veterans Christmas Rendezvous each year and add to the festive fun."

The 2014 Weymouth and Portland Armed Forces Day Celebrations will take place between Saturday 21st to Friday, June 27th.



■ AND a Merry Christmas to all our veterans

Church money to help local projects

NEARLY 20 stalls tempted shoppers when St Joseph's Church held its annual Christmas bazaar in Weymouth.

There were cakes, a tombola, Christmas gifts, books, bric-a-brac, toys, pictures, cards, a raffle, glassware and refreshments.

Organiser Allan Ford said: "We had a

fantastic array of stalls. It was a real community effort and all proceeds will go to parish funds to benefit the area.

"We often donate to worldwide charities, but this year we decided to stay closer to home and use proceeds to help projects such as the Lantern and the Street Pastors."



■ ALLAN Ford (right) hopes he has a big enough Christmas stocking for Santa

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Santa surprise for Sealife otters

ONE Weymouth Sea Life Adventure Park resident said "What a lotter we got" after Santa arrived for the Christmas period.

Father Christmas made sure that resident short-clawed Asian otter Johnny and his pups received a special sleigh full of toys, treats and goodies and for them to enjoy during his visit to the park, which will last until Christmas Eve.

His sleigh is currently in their pen where visitors can watch them playfully interact with each other and their Christmas presents such as soft balls, puzzles and fish treats.

Displays Curator at the park, Fiona Smith said: "Our otters are very thankful to Father Christmas.

"The toys bring out their individual characters for visitors to observe and are a stimulating activity for them to enjoy. Even though Johnny is top 'dog' his cubs certainly have been putting him through his paces!"

For full information on Christmas time slots and what's on at the park visit www.sealifeweymouth.com/christmas.



■ OTTERS playing with their toys from the sleigh



■ ENJOYING the Christmas Welcome

A Christmas welcome

MINCE pies and mulled wine were on the menu when a "Christmas Welcome" event was held at Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

The festive fundraiser was staged in her home by Kate Wheller in memory of Anne Selway who died recently.

Kate said: "Anne was wonderfully looked after by Pat Sherret, Weldmar palliative care nurses and Marie Curie, so I decided to host a Christmas Welcome event in aid of them all."

Visitors were also able to enjoy cakes and a huge raffle with prizes kindly donated by local businesses.

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Book sale to boost fund

■ WEYMOUTH Heritage Centre is holding a book sale to boost its attempts to gain charitable status.

The centre needs an annual turnover of more than £5,000 to achieve this and the book event is giving its fundraising a welcome boost.

Director Dave Allan said more than 200 titles are on offer covering all forms of history and local interest.

He added: "We will continue running our book sale every Friday, Saturday and Sunday until Christmas.

"We are very close to our turnover target and hope to gain charitable status in early 2014."

Pictured is Dave Allan with some book sale titles.



Weymouth & Portland and West Dorset rubbish, recycling and food waste collection arrangements Christmas/New Year 2013-14



Normal day	Rearranged day
Wednesday 25 Dec	Friday 27 Dec
Thursday 26 Dec	Saturday 28 Dec
Friday 27 Dec	Monday 30 Dec
Monday 30 Dec	Tuesday 31 Dec
Tuesday 31 Dec	Thursday 2 Jan
Wednesday 1 Jan	Friday 3 Jan
Thursday 2 Jan	Saturday 4 Jan
Friday 3 Jan	Monday 6 Jan
Monday 6 Jan	Tuesday 7 Jan
Tuesday 7 Jan	Wednesday 8 Jan
Wednesday 8 Jan	Thursday 9 Jan
Thursday 9 Jan	Friday 10 Jan
Friday 10 Jan	Saturday 11 Jan

For Weymouth & Portland residents

Please put your rubbish out by 6am and recycling out by 7am. Real Christmas trees will be collected for composting if put out with your brown bin. For more information call

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- Cartons, foil and textiles can be taken to local mini recycling centres
- For areas with a weekly food waste collection, please use your brown bin for any cooked or uncooked food waste

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Dreaming of a Wyke Christmas

by Harry Walton



■ **MARY** Gardiner and Jan Shaw with some striking work from the exhibition

SCORES of work examples were on show when the Weymouth branch of the West Country Embroiderers held their annual exhibition.

The event at Upwey Old School Hall included everything from cushions, quilts and pictures to bags, book covers and coasters.

Chairman Jan Shaw said: "The exhibition shows a wealth of talent from our members.

"We had a lot of visitors and they were able to browse our sale stall as well in aid of branch funds."

One of the members who produced some delicate Christmas work was 102-year-old Mary Gardiner who joined in displaying members' work.

Jan said: "We have a waiting list for membership but new members are always welcome and those interested should contact me on janshawshaw@aol.com."



■ **PETER** and Anita Kennerley get festive



■ **KATE** Wheller at the Weymouth West Air Scouts Group stall

BLAZING sunshine brought a big crowd out in Weymouth for the sixth annual "I'm Dreaming of a Wyke Christmas".

Nearly 50 stalls packed out the memorial hall at Wyke Regis and flooded down the street to the delight of organiser Kate Wheller.

She said: "Things could not have gone better for us because we had the weather, the people and the attractions."

Those stalls catching the eye and doing brisk business included preserves, bread, pottery, cakes, bric-a-brac, raffles, a tombola, crafts, sweets, clothing, hats, tea,

olives, skittles, fossils and leather.

There was plenty to tempt tastebuds from cheese samples to toasting marshmallows or enjoying mulled wine and a mince pie.

There were even bellydancers to entertain spectators. Mrs Wheller said: "We are delighted that everyone had such a good time and everything that we raised today will go towards helping local Wyke organisations."



■ **TOASTING** marshmallows

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■ ALISON Honnor with Angel at the festival Angel visits fair

ANGEL the owl was one of the stars at Mrs Darling's annual Festival of Christmas at the craft workshops behind Brewers Quay in Weymouth.

The event was being held by Alison Honnor in memory of her late mother, Pat Norman.

Alison said: "I had tremendous support from my fellow traders and visiting stalls for a cause which is dear to my heart.

"We had cakes, cheese, chutney, traditional wooden toys, driftwood art, glass, everything you could want for Christmas.

"I'd just like to thank everyone who took part or came along to support the event which is raising money for the chemotherapy suite at Dorset County Hospital in Dorchester."

Lighting a light for loved ones



■ MAYOR Ray Banham prepares to switch on the Christmas tree lights



■ HUNDREDS gather to Light up a Life

PEOPLE remembered lost loved ones when Weymouth's Light up a Life and Christmas service was held outside Brewers Quay.

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Philip Elliott and singing was led by the staff and pupils of All Saints School with music by Weymouth Concert Brass.

Among those attending was Weymouth and Portland Mayor and Mayoress, Councillors Ray Banham and Pam Nixon, Mr Banham switching on the giant Christmas tree twinkling with the lights which meant so much to so many at the service.

Mr Banham said: "It was a wonderful way to remember loved ones at Christmas and you could see how popular the event was by the number of people who came along. It really brought everyone together who had lost a loved one."

Event organiser Pat Scarlett said: "This event has been held for many years and always in aid of Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

"It was lovely to see so many people here this year, we think more than 500, and it is clearly an event which has struck a chord and which people look forward to, particularly at this time of year when they remember loved ones they have lost."

Sailing success for fair



■ GILL Taylor sees One Ship Come Sailing In at the fair

A HOST of stalls packed into St Edmund's Church Hall in Weymouth when the Society for the Protection of Markham and Little Francis held its annual Christmas fair.

Visitors browsed jewellery, knitwear, teddies, candles, books, DVDs, toys, cards, bric-a-brac, pictures and bulbs.

Organiser Gill Taylor said: "It was a lovely day, we had a lot of stalls and it was all for a good cause.

"All money raised will go towards supporting efforts to retain Town Green status for markham and Little Francis."

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The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ... by Geoff Treleven

Truths in code

AS I have been saying, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" originally had a far deeper meaning than we might think. Each of the twelve days had a secret meaning.

Ten lords a-leaping represented the Ten Commandments. A lord was supposed to be a just and honourable man and the final voice of law in his domain. Therefore, it was understandable they would represent the ten laws God gave his people through Moses.

Eleven pipers piping served as an image of the remaining Apostles after the demise of Judas Iscariot. They were to take the message of Christ's life and resurrection to the world.

The final gift of twelve drummers drumming had an important link to the Apostles' Creed containing twelve different elements which, together, spell out what we believe and regularly recite.

As we unlock the code and remember the regular repeat of the first gift throughout, let us remember that it really speaks of a heavenly love which is the only true and pure love – something very much applicable amidst all the festivities of Christmas.

The partridge in a pear tree, given on the first day by my true love represented the gift of Jesus, God's Son, born on Christmas Day.

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Top of the shops



■ A WEYMOUTH charity shop has won a national award for its window display.

The British Red Cross Society in St Mary Street was the best branch in the country in October for promoting Gift Aid Week.

The window was created by lead volunteer Pauline Stone (pictured holding the certificate surrounded by Red Cross colleagues) who said: "Basically the colour scheme for Gift Aid was pink and white, so I went through the shop and gathered everything we had in pink and white and spent a weekend creating a display from that."

"It looked really good. I knew we were entering a competition for British Red Cross charity shops nationwide, so I went the extra mile, but I never expected that the window I created would win."

The certificate was later presented to the branch which also received a £10 Tesco voucher.



■ JULIA Moore (left) and Denis Hepburn on the Christmas crafts stall

Festive fundraiser

ALL Saints and St Edmunds Youth Group made its first ever fundraising appearance when members attended All Saints Church Christmas bazaar in Weymouth.

The group was only set up in September to create a focal point for young people to meet and chat.

Group leader, the Reverend Roger Butcher, said: "They attended the bazaar to raise money for the group to be able to have extra social activities such as bowling."

The bazaar itself had nearly 30 stalls ranging from books and preserves to cakes, Christmas crafts and a tombola.

Organiser Julia Moore said: "It sort of ran itself and I had very little to do thanks to an excellent fundraising committee. Everything we raise will go to church funds."

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Closing date: Monday, December 30th.



NEXT HOME MATCH: Saturday, December 21st v BLACKBURN ROVERS, kick-off 3pm

THINK DON'T DRINK & DRIVE

The festive season is now upon us and with it comes work nights out and an opportunity to catch up with friends and family. But for all too many, it's tempting to ruin the celebrations by driving home after a couple of drinks.

Partygoers are being urged to think of the devastating consequences of drinking and driving over the festive season.

Devon and Cornwall Police have launched their Christmas campaign to stop drink driving over the party period.

As part of this year's operation, officers will be stepping up roadside checks in the evenings and early mornings throughout December. Drivers who have been involved in a collision or anyone who has broken driving laws or is suspected to be over the limit or under the influence of

drugs will be breathalysed as usual by officers.

Inspector Richard Pryce, head of Roads Policing, said driving while under the influence of drink or drugs is never tolerated but during the festive period the force will be keeping an even closer eye on offenders.

He said: "If you drink and drive you risk significant consequences. This is not only increasing your chance of causing serious injury through a collision, but life changing consequences to simply running a normal life. The penalties when caught have far-reaching

implications on any drink driver's life financially, emotionally, psychologically and on their family and friends.

"The punishments are severe, not only from what a court may pass as a sentence, but the on-going consequential effects.

"If convicted of drink driving you will have a criminal record, lose your licence and potentially your livelihood, you could spend time in prison and receive a hefty fine.

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- Don't drink and drive, the only safe limit is none.
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- Drink and drug driving does cost lives.
- Get caught drink driving and you will be treated like any other criminal.
- A drink driving conviction will stay on your licence for 10 years.
- Program a phone number for a licensed taxi company into your mobile phone before you go out.
- If you are caught drink driving you will be required to attend court where you could face a fine, be banned from driving or imprisoned.

DRUG DRIVING

- To be unfit to drive through drugs is an offence in its own right.
- Taking illegal drugs will affect your ability to drive.
- A new offence of driving while under the influence of drugs is due to be introduced soon which will increase the effectiveness of enforcement activity.
- Penalties for the new offence will include up to six months imprisonment and or a fine of up to £5,000. There will also be a chance of having your licence taken away for 12 months.

Drink driving myths and facts

How much will your next round cost you?

FACT

THE LEGAL LIMIT

You must not drive if you are above the following limits:

- 35 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath
- 80 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood
- 107 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of urine

It is difficult to determine the amount of alcohol that can be drunk before a person reaches these levels as each person's alcohol tolerance varies. Therefore, the only way to guarantee that you will provide a negative test is not to drink and drive.

WHAT IS THE LEGAL LIMIT IN UNITS?

The legal drink drive limit cannot be accurately converted into a certain number of units, as alcohol intake depends on a number of factors, which include the individual's response to alcohol.

Calculating your alcohol intake in this way is

MYTH

YOU ARE SAFE TO DRIVE THE MORNING AFTER

Many people drive as normal the morning after they have been drinking. However there may still be alcohol in their system and if they are breathalysed then they may be over the limit. It takes longer than you think for alcohol to leave the body. For example:

Take a Saturday night's drinking:

extremely unreliable as measures and strength of alcohol may vary in pubs and at home. Without taking a breath test there is no way of knowing how much alcohol is in your system. The best way to ensure you are not over the limit is not to drink and drive

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- You will have difficulty hiring a car for the next 10 years
- You may have to retake your driving test and attend rehabilitation to regain your licence

At midnight you may have 200 milligrams per 100 millilitres of blood in your system. This is 2½ times the drink drive limit.

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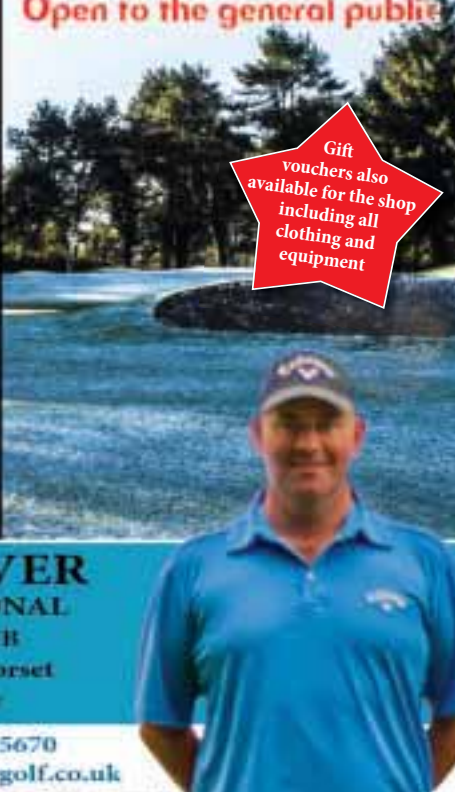
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Council's gifts this Christmas

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With unusually brilliant timing, the council has launched a new range of Christmas products and services designed to boost council coffers and save us all from bankruptcy.

The festive season is here, so what man could resist

buying his wife or sweetheart a nice bottle of perfume. Made using recycled empty bottles from the Jolly Auditor bistro bar for senior council staff, Eau de Harbour is a blend of rotting seaweed, sun tan lotion and fish and chips subtly combined to provide any woman with an unforgettable scent. One dab behind the ears and you'll never have trouble with shop queues again.

Another great commercial breakthrough, this time for him, are Rusty Piles. No, it's not a hitherto unknown medical condition but a striking new line in desktop pencil and pen holder boxes. Made exclusively from old Pavilion harbour wall sea defences, this unusual "must have" comes complete with free return Condor ferry tickets to the Channel Islands from Poole which are valid shortly after the next harbour floor inspection.

There has been a run on these boxes but I'm assured that a near limitless amount of old piles will ensure stocks don't run out.

Finally, this could be the last year for many families living in Weymouth when their breadwinner's work for the council allows them to work in Weymouth as the authority is selling its offices off.

This could see many staff being moved to the controversial South Walks site in Dorchester in the New Year with all the inconvenience, absence and disruption to family life that such a switch will entail.

The council is not insensitive to tearing its staff away from the bosom of their loved ones, so it plans to put a little something in their stockings for employees' children this Christmas through an authority offer of 50 percent off family tickets to the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool.

It is a nice gesture but, perhaps, unfortunate that this leading art attraction has as its prized exhibit the famous painting by William Frederick Yeames (1835-1918) entitled: "And when Did You Last see your Father?"

Slogging my way through

MANY'S the time I've been asked how I can bear to slog my way through all the paperwork for council meetings without falling asleep.

They look at the thick agenda I'm leafing through and wonder how I can make sense of it.

When I joined others at the last major meeting I attended we had to hack our way through an agenda of 154 pages, but even one meeting earlier this year which ran to more than 300 pages pales into insignificance when compared to those tackling paperwork for the Government's new high speed rail link.

Believe it or not, the paperwork for that runs to more than 61,000 pages or about 200 decent paperback books! Indeed, a full set of documents stands nine feet tall, contains more than 20 million words and weighs nearly one tonne. There are even 400 pages of explanatory notes!

There is so much of it that commentators have remarked that those trying to prepare a response within deadlines must get through about 900 pages a day.

Puts it all into perspective, doesn't it. Better the Weymouth Devil you know eh!

And that reminds me. Must go through the Weymouth and Portland sub-committee agenda on paperclip orders.....but not until it's time for bed and I need a bit of sleep.

You can't fool the kids!

YOU can fool some children all the time and all children some of the time, but not if you are a smart little boy who is already suspicious of Santa never mind who might be playing him.

One bazaar recently had a long queue of small children, wide-eyed with wonder at a chance to meet Father Christmas.

The smart boy in question eventually reached the front of the queue, went inside the grotto, sat down and made his request.

His little friend was next in line and asked him how he'd got on to which the smart boy replied: "Don't know, but if I don't get a Chelsea shirt your Dad's in trouble!"

Watch out for a pocketful of money in August

YOU rarely get much entertainment out of a calendar, but August 2014 is putting itself forward as the exception to that particular rule.

That month's main claim to

fame is that none of us will ever see its like again in this and scores of other lifetimes.

And the reason? Well, August 2014 will have five Fridays, five Saturdays and five Sundays.

This is apparently a phenomenon which only occurs once every 823 years and those most historic of people, the Chinese, actually have a name for it. They call it: "Pocketful of money!"

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Police honoured at awards ceremony

AN awards ceremony has recognised police officers, staff and volunteers for their exceptional contribution to Dorset Police.

A total of 27 awards and medals were presented during the ceremony which was held at the Dorford Centre in Dorchester.

Honours handed out included the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, Police Staff Long Service Medal, Special Constabulary Long Service Medal and Chief Constable's Commendations.

Police Constable Clive Chamberlain received the Chief Constable's Lifetime Achievement Award. He has served with Dorset Police for more than 33 years and was a special constable before joining the regulars.

During his service he worked as a uniformed officer in Swanage, Weymouth, Dorchester and Beaminster and received a number of top commendations.

In January 1999, PC Chamberlain was elected to the Dorset Police Federation as a representative. He quickly became the discipline lead before being elected chairman in March 2003. He retires from

the force this month.

PC Chamberlain said: "I was very surprised and humbled to receive the lifetime achievement award. I have been fortunate to have worked with a great team, particularly within the Police Federation, who have helped me enormously. This award recognises all of their hard work."

A number of Dorset Police officers received a Chief Constable Commendation.

Now retired Chief Superintendent David Griffith received a Commendation for his efforts in leading Dorset Police's Olympic planning team. His roles included acting as senior Security Co-ordinator for delivering the London and Paralympic sailing events in Dorset and leading the Olympic Torch Relay Policing operation in the South West.

Awards winners were as follows: Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal – Police Sergeant Gillian Searle, Police Sergeant Chris Amey, Police Constable Stuart Belfield, Police Sergeant Steve White, Police Sergeant Steven Federico, Police Constable Paul Shorrocks; Police staff Long Service Medal – Brian Hallett,



■ CLIVE Chamberlain receives the Chief Constable's Lifetime Achievement Award. From the left are Dorset Police Chief Constable Debbie Simpson, Clive Chamberlain and High Sherriff of Dorset Catriona Payne

Mrs Alison Oliver and Ms Gayle Bower; Superintendent David Griffith, Police Constable Tristan Oliver, Police Constable Richard Evans, Police Constable Tom Clements, Police Constable Stewart Gates, Detective Sergeant Nigel Cullis, Police Sergeant William Bulloch, Police Constable Robert Elliott, Police Constable Rebecca Joyce, Police Constable Louise Roberts, Police Constable Ben Martin.

Police warn public to stay vigilant this Christmas

DORSET Police are urging members of the public to be vigilant against bogus callers this Christmas.

The call comes after a spate of suspicious door to door salesmen were reported in the last week in the Dorchester and Broadmayne areas.

Inspector Richard Dixey, of Dorset Police, said: "Make sure the people you care about and your elderly neighbours

are not vulnerable to bogus callers or distraction burglars this Christmas.

"Victims of bogus callers or distraction burglaries are usually elderly and live by themselves."

The police say the chances of becoming a victim of a distraction burglary or bogus caller can be helped by always ensuring that good locks and door chains are fitted to external doors; min-

imising the amount of money kept in the home; maintaining the home and garden so that it does not attract attention; having regular contact with neighbours and family members.

Said Inspector Dixey: "The offenders will often work in pairs with one person acting as the distraction while the other enters the home."

He says when entering the door people

should make sure no other doors are left unlocked; chains should always be put on before answering the door and callers should be asked for identification.

If in doubt shut the door and use the phone book to check the number of the company the caller claims to come from, rather than any card you may be offered.

Wildlife trust begin badger vaccinations



DORSET Wildlife Trust has started a five-year programme of badger vaccinations some of its nature reserves.

The trust has been campaigning for vaccination as a better alternative than the culling campaign being promoted by the Government.

Dorset Wildlife Trust says it also wants to see the eradication of the disease Bovine Tuberculosis (bTB) and understands the serious implications for farmers who lose stock as a result, but believes there are more effective and reliable ways of controlling the disease, such as better biosecurity, badger vaccination and, in the long term, cattle vaccination.

Chief Executive of Dorset Wildlife Trust, Dr Simon Cripps said: "We were extremely disappointed to see the government drive forward with the badger cull in Somerset and Gloucestershire in August this year. The recent news that the pilot culls in Gloucestershire and Somerset have finished with low numbers of badgers being shot, strengthens the need for the government to support alternative methods to culling. Our understanding from Defra is that if badger culling continues despite these failures, shooting in Dorset is highly likely to start in 2014. Thanks to our successful badger vaccination appeal, Dorset Wildlife Trust is pleased to be able to start a vaccination programme on selected nature reserves in Dorset, to both protect badgers and support farmers."

A team of volunteers and Wildlife Trust staff have completed a badger vaccination course run by the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA) and have been issued with certificates of competence as lay vaccinators. In order to carry out the vaccinations, DWT obtained a license from Natural England and carried out detailed site surveys to identify the best locations.

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BOY GEORGE BRINGS THE HOUSE DOWN

The pop legend wows the Electric Palace crowd

By **BENJAMIN PARKER**
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EIGHTIES idol **Boy George** wowed the Electric Palace during a near-capacity DJ set in Bridport on Friday night. The Culture Club front man left his blue-eyed soul and New Romantic roots behind him as he led those present at the town's former cinema through a late-night lesson in classic house music.

The South Street venue was hosting its first Honey Trap Disco club night.

On stage Boy George controlled the crowds with his hypnotic and pulsating dance anthems but before his gig the famously flamboyant artist was calm as he described how he felt about playing a smaller venue of around 350 guests.

He said: "I'm not a size queen, I play all different types of places. I've just been to Miami and played a gig there and before I played in a very small bar in SoHo.

"With DJing you're always playing different sorts of places – sometimes you're playing festivals, sometimes it's a few hundred people, sometimes it's massive. The question is always one thing: do we have a party? Whether it's 10 people or 400 people the question is always are people into it and are they having a good time? The size of the crowd is irrelevant.

"Especially in America at the moment, I did sort of say they need to redefine the word 'dance' because I think a lot of the music that is popular in America people don't really dance to, there's lots of stopping bits where people just sort of stand there with their camera phones. I come from the old school – with dance music the clue is in the title: dance music.

"So, in a way, if it's a small crowd and they're having a good time that's actually much better than a massive crowd that aren't enjoying it. When I say I'm not a size queen, that's what I mean."

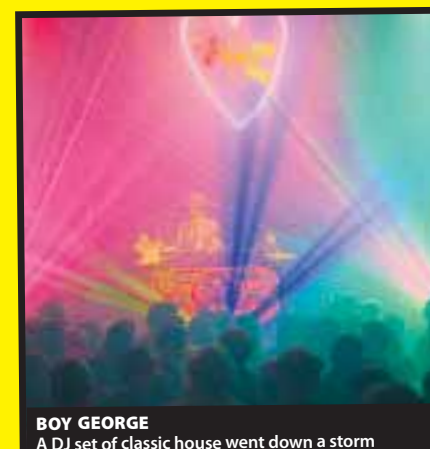
Boy George rose to fame when Culture Club's third single, *Do You Really Want to Hurt Me*, reached the number one spot in over a dozen countries in 1982, selling more than 6.5 million copies. More success followed, with the group becoming the first band since The Beatles to have three US top ten singles from a debut album before their 1983 single *Karma Chameleon* become the biggest selling single of the year.

After the group disbanded some well-publicised drug and legal problems followed, but Boy George has remained passionate with his dabbling in house music.

Before the Electric Palace gig he told the **View from Bridport**: "I kind of stopped making music, and stopped being in a band, around '87, and got into electronic dance music, and that's what I've been doing for the last 25 years. I still do that, it's obviously what I'm doing tonight, it's what I do most weekends. I travel all over the world doing that."

Despite releasing well-received dance records and admitting to being "immersed" in the house music scene, the artist has recently released *This Is What I Do*, his first studio album of original material in more than 18 years.

He said: "A couple of years ago I just thought it's time to make a new record, partly because I hadn't done it for a while and it kind of feels fresh and exciting at the mo-



BOY GEORGE
A DJ set of classic house went down a storm

ment, but partly because I could make this record myself. It's out of my own label, it's coming out all over the world. I'm going to Europe next week to start promoting it and next year America.

"There's no one looking over my shoulder saying 'it has to be this type of record' or 'you have to go and record with Calvin Harris' or whoever. It's a record I wanted to make in my own way and I'm very happy with it."

Admitting he's never been to Bridport before, Boy George did hint that a return to west Dorset to live 'the good life' could be possible when he said: "I do actually want to grow some vegetables. I want to become Margo and I feel like this could be the place."

With the appearance of Boy George in Bridport, the Electric Palace is hoping other equally famous musicians could follow in his footsteps.

Angie Porter, marketing manager at the Electric Palace, said: "It's fantastic for Bridport, people really do want to come here. Bridport is known for being a really supportive place and a venue to try out new stuff."

"Boy George has been in Ibiza all over the summer so in a way this is the winter Ibiza, and we're going to carry on with getting great DJs down here."

"It's a perfect venue to have a festival atmosphere. There's a massive dance floor but it's also got some atmosphere to it as well."

Jonny Melton, who organised the Honey Trap Disco night and supported Boy George as DJ Jonny Slut, is hopeful that there will be more club nights, and he praised the vision of the Electric Palace management team.

He said: "It's a really lovely venue, it's a beautiful building and it's run by good people. I think the thing about Bridport is you get a really nice eclectic mix."

Before going onstage, Boy George gave some advice to budding local musicians on how to make it in the industry.

He said: "I would say be true to yourself, obviously work hard, head up, be professional, get a good hat – I think that's very essential."



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As part of the Dorset County Museum's Geology lecture series, Denys Brunsden, who is also Emeritus Professor of King's College, London, will give the first talk of 2014 entitled Tales of the Deep. He will discuss the use of modern imaging techniques to map and visualise the sea floor in order to understand deep sea processes and hazards.

This lavishly illustrated lecture takes place at Dorset County Museum at 7pm on Wednesday, January 8th. Entry is free and the doors are open from 6.30pm. A donation of £3.00 is encouraged to cover costs.

Small Town Thinking album launch this Friday

THE launch of Adam Sweet's debut album takes place this Friday at The Gateway in Seaton.

The South West singer-songwriter, who grew up in Lyme Regis, is hosting a special show where his record, Small Town Thinking, will be on sale for the first time.

Adam said: "I'm very proud of what we have achieved with this first album. I feel privileged to have worked with some great people on it, and I can't wait to get it out there now."

The audience will be treated to a special live performance showcasing all of the new songs from the album. Special guests include guitarist Dean Barnes and members of Adam's ever-popular classic rock band, 'The Perfect Strangers'.

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BRIDPORT: St. Gabriel's Strolling Players present A West Country Christmas at the WJ Hall in aid of Bridport Hospital League of Friends. It will be a light-hearted evening of music, poetry and prose written over the centuries by authors, familiar and not so familiar, with west country connections, and designed to get everyone into the spirit of Christmas. The show starts at 7pm. Tickets, at £5.50, are available from 01297 489658. Mulled cider and mince pies will be available in the interval.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 19TH

CHIDEOCK: Christmas Bingo at the village hall from 7.30pm. £5 for book of 6 games.

DORCHESTER: South Somerset RSPB Group meeting at St George's Church Hall at 7.45pm. Richard Collier will give a talk and slide show on Dorset Wildlife. Richard is an excellent photographer so there will be some lovely photos. Admission Group Member £3.00. Visitors £3.50 to include coffee and light refreshments.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 20TH

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MONDAY DECEMBER 23RD

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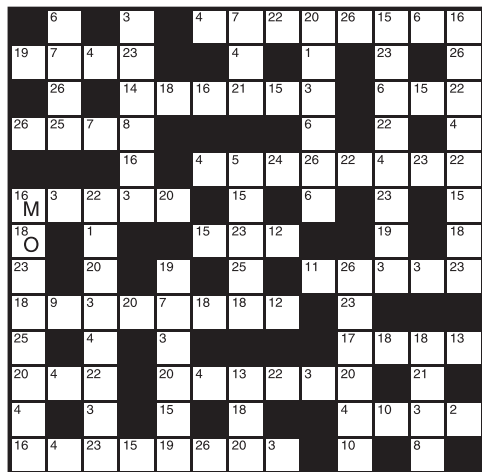
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

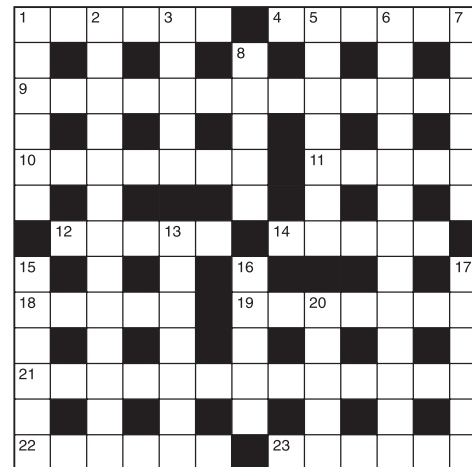
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Certainly not out of action (6)
- Waterways can also lose nothing (6)
- Thoughtfulness is something to be taken into account (13)
- How a pet lies when it is penned? (7)
- Don't let people see there's something wrong (5)
- A trap put outside a second time (5)
- A number take a break at the summit (5)
- Travels afield - like hungry sheep? (5)
- Bird most richly feathered in part (7)
- A characteristically calculating type (13)
- Awkward truths forcibly put forward (6)
- It's knitted for a milk producer (6)

Down

- Moves in an unfinished game on board (6)
- He'll watch your step for you (7,6)
- Some fine Victorian turn out (5)
- He won't play at any price (7)
- Sort of feeling brought on by beastly alcohol? (6,7)
- Lines for a child rising ten (6)
- Even turned up it's the same (5)
- How one may make progress on one's feet (7)
- Ready to put in a word when required (6)
- Drinking place not far from home (5)
- Air a hut (6)
- It became yours (5)



Quick Clues:

Across

- Asylum (6)
- Recommend (6)
- Letter-writer (13)
- Obliquely (7)
- Upper air (5)
- Ethical (5)
- Thick sweet liquid (5)
- Guide (5)
- Fascinate (7)
- Necessary (13)
- Cricketer team (6)
- Guard (6)

Down

- Ethnic (6)
- Prescience (13)
- Inexperienced (5)
- Thickly (7)
- Unfailing (13)
- Wring out (6)
- Rapidity (5)
- Public performer (7)
- Elf (6)
- Monastic church (5)
- Sagacious (6)
- Unproductive (5)

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Marksmanship; 7 Train; 8 Chair; 9 Run; 10 Malingers; 11 Accent; 12 Parade; 15 Martially; 17 Tea; 18 Nudge; 19 Tuber; 21 Considerable. Down: 1 Maltreatment; 2 Spa; 3 Annals; 4 Secondary; 5 Irate; 6 Cross-examine; 7 Tonic; 10 Manliness; 13 Aster; 14 Slated; 16 Radio; 20 Bar. QUICK - Across: 1 Confidential; 7 Allow; 8 Blear; 9 Tot; 10 Charlatan; 11 Recent; 12 Stream; 15 Adjourned; 17 Ass; 18 Drift; 19 Tacit; 21 Reprehension. Down: 1 Countermands; 2 Ill; 3 Enwrap; 4 Tabulated; 5 Avert; 6 Transmission; 7 Antic; 10 Conductor; 13 Exact; 14 Snatch; 16 Juice; 20 Can.



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RATINGS BATTLE

With catch-up TV online and digiboxes aplenty, I'm not sure why schedulers bother to pit their biggest shows against each other, but that's what's happening on Christmas night.

ITV's flagship drama, *Downton Abbey* (Christmas Day, 9pm), goes up against Danny Dyer's first appearance in *EastEnders* (BBC One, 8:30pm) as new Queen Vic landlord Mick Carter.

Downton's third Christmas special sees the action shift to 1923 and American actor Paul Giamatti joining the cast. The debutante season has arrived and Rose is to be presented at Buckingham Palace.

Not one to miss such a grand occasion, Martha (Shirley MacLaine) arrives from New York with Cora's recently disgraced brother Harold (Giamatti). Both outspoken and



THE TIME OF THE DOCTOR | Peter Capaldi takes over the reigns from Matt Smith as the new Doctor Who.

larger-than-life, they make quite an impression among certain members of London's high society.

When the Crawleys are implicated in a scandal that threatens to engulf the monarchy, Robert shows that he is prepared to go to great lengths to protect the royal family as well as his own.

Doctor Who (BBC One, Christmas Day, 7:30pm) will go head-to-head with the Christmas Day visit to Coronation Street (ITV, 7:30pm). But how anyone could opt for a miserable Christmas in Weatherfield rather than an adventure in time and space is beyond me!

It doesn't seem five minutes ago we were watching David Tennant regenerate into Matt Smith but, yes, it's that time again. Christmas Day's 'The Time of the Doctor' will see the introduction of Peter Capaldi as the man with the sonic screwdriver.

Coming hot on the heels of last month's 50th anniversary special, it's been a great few weeks for *Doctor Who* fans. This, the 800th episode of the series, also features both dales and cybermen – should be a classic.

COMEDY

Having finally put *Only Fools And Horses* out to pasture and making the huge mistake of commissioning the critically panned *The Royal Bodyguard*, how would the Beeb work David Jason into the Christmas schedules? By reviving another comedy classic, of course!

Open All Hours came to an end in 1985 but if you thought the death of Ronnie Barker 20 years later would curtail any further episodes, think again. *Still Open All Hours* (BBC One, Boxing Day, 7:45pm) – billed as a Christmas special but undoubtedly a pilot for a new series next year – sees Granville (Jason) having inherited the corner shop from his uncle and features characters both old and new.

Whether such a sitcom set-up will work all these years later is yet to be seen, but I'll happily spend half-an-hour of my time to find out. A documentary on the show is being screened the following day (BBC One, Fri 27th Dec, 1:25pm).

Another comedy reboot is *Birds Of A Feather* (ITV, Thu 2nd Jan, 8:30pm), unseen since 1998. Don't blame the Beeb though, it's ITV who have seen fit to commission another series!

Lesley Joseph, Linda Robson and Pauline Quirke all return to their familiar roles, ensuring the core cast is the same, as are the writers – original creators Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran also wrote the revival.

The girls are still living in Essex, with Sharon back in



STILL OPEN ALL HOURS | Sir David Jason returns as Granville in this one off Christmas special.

her council flat and Tracey in Chigwell with younger son Travis (played by Pauline's real-life son Charlie Quirke).

Vicious (ITV, Fri 27th Dec, 9pm), the comedy about the bickering gay couple who have lived together for 50 years, returns for a special Christmas episode. Starring Sir Ian McKellen as over-the-hill actor Freddie and Sir Derek Jacobi as Stuart, the pair host a Christmas day celebration for their friends at their flat, with a little help from their young neighbour Ash.

With Ash cooking dinner and Stuart leading party games, the gang are all set for a merry Christmas. However, managing the kitchen is proving complex for Ash, and a game of truth or dare leads to unexpected revelations.

If any comedy has taken up the regular spot in the schedules once reserved for *Only Fools* – worryingly – it's definitely *Mr Brown's Boys*. This year the show returns with not one but two seasonal specials (BBC One, Christmas Day & Mon 30th Dec, both 9:30pm). In



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the first, Agnes (the irrepressible Brendan O'Carroll) installs a motorised remote controlled Christmas tree in the house, whilst in the New Year instalment she takes in a homeless parrot with an, err, interesting vocabulary. Mar-mite TV but hugely popular.

DRAMA

Making a welcome return to our screens on New Year's Day is Sherlock (BBC One, 9:00pm) some two years after his supposed demise. 'The Empty Hearse' is the first of another three episode run and see Holmes resurface just as London is threatened by a terrorist attack.

Although fans of the BBC's 1995 adaptation of Pride And Prejudice won't be able to see Colin Firth and Jennifer Ehle reprise their roles, Matthew Rhys and Anna Maxwell Martin will make for more than acceptable substitutes as Fitzwilliam and Elizabeth Darcy in the three-parter Death Comes To Pemberley (BBC One, Boxing Day-Sat 28th Dec, nightly) - P.D. James' murder mystery sequel to Jane Austen's original novel.

There's more mystery on offer in The Thirteenth Tale - adapted from the book by Diane Setterfield - on Mon 30th Dec (BBC Two, 9:30pm). Olivia Colman is Margaret, a writer forced to confront her own past after being summoned by dying author Vida Winter (Vanessa Redgrave) to pen her biography.



WELCOME RETURN | Sherlock returns in the first of a three episode run.

SPOOKY CHRISTMAS

What I look forward to the most when it comes to Christmas telly is the BBC's ghost story offering. This tradition, which has recently been revived, goes back to the 1970s; each year a different tale - usually adapted from one of M.R. James' short stories - would terrify audiences and act as the perfect antidote to seasonal over-indulgences.

M.R. James devotee, Mark Gatiss, who seems to have taken on the role of curator of this treasured slot in the schedules, has adapted James' spine-chilling tale The Tractate Middoth (BBC Two, Christmas Day, 9:30pm) for 2013. As well as writing the screenplay, the multi-talented Gatiss also directs. A documentary on author M.R. James follows at 10:05pm.

FILMS

Movie premieres aren't the headline events they used to be, but there's a whole host of family films previously unseen on Freeview this Christmas - if you missed out at the cinema / on DVD / download / blu ray / satellite TV!

Toy Story 3 (BBC One, Christmas Day, 3:20pm), Cars 2 (BBC One, Boxing Day, 4:05pm), Kung Fu Panda 2 (BBC One, New Year's Day, 5:05pm) and Megamind (BBC One, Fri 27th Dec, 4:10pm) should all keep the little 'uns happy whilst having enough to keep the grown-ups occupied too.

As you would expect, there's also a host of family classics on offer too, including The Wizard Of Oz (Channel 5, Boxing Day, 5:15pm), Mary Poppins (BBC One, Mon 30th Dec, 4:15pm), Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (Channel 5, Sat 28th Dec, 10:30am), The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe (BBC One, Christmas Eve, 1:30pm), 101 Dalmations (BBC One, Boxing Day, 9:55am), a number of Harry Potter films and Disney's Fantasia (Christmas Eve, BBC Two, 4:15pm) finally getting an airing some 73 years after it first hit cinema screens.

If it's romance you're after, look no further than the epic Gone With The Wind (Channel 5, Christmas Day, 10:15am) - a must if you've never seen it (but probably one to record, unless you've nothing else to do until Christmas Day afternoon).

If sci-fi's more your thing, you can catch the original Alien trilogy showing nightly on Channel 4 from New Year's Day. Whilst if you have access to Sky Movies, Star Trek Into Darkness makes its first appearance in the New Year.

Musicals have always been a mainstay of the Christmas movies line-up and this year is no exception. Channel 5 are offering Meet Me In St Louis (Boxing Day, 2:55pm), Oklahoma! (Sat 28th Dec, 1:15pm) before a triple bill on New Year's Eve of Fiddler On The Roof (11:15am), Pal Joey (2:50pm) and Seven Brides For Seven Brothers (5:00pm); BBC One dusts off The Sound Of Music on New Year's Day (2:15pm).

And bringing things more up-to-date, you can also catch This Is It - the fascinating insight into Michael Jackson's rehearsals for the comeback shows that never were - on Channel 5 (Sat 28th Dec, 5:50pm).

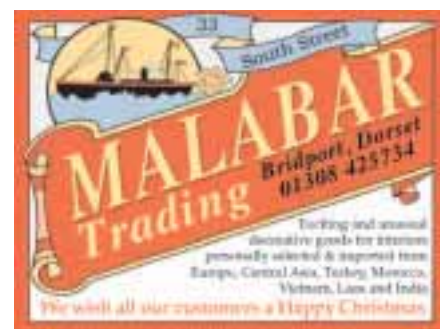
BBC Four is offering a short season of classic Ealing comedies, including Whisky Galore (Sun 22nd Dec, 7pm), The Titfield Thunderbolt (Christmas Eve, 7pm) and Kind Hearts And Coronets (New Year's Eve, 8pm).

Horror fans can sink their teeth into BBC Two. Highlights include the 1958 Hammer version of Dracula (Boxing Day night, 12:10am), The Mummy (Fri 27th Dec night, 1:15am), The Curse Of Frankenstein (Sat 28th Dec night, 12:40am) and The Abominable Snowman (Sun 29th Dec, 2:00am).

Finally Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without It's A Wonderful Life - the finest festive movie of them all - and you can catch it on Christmas Eve (Channel 4, 1:10pm). Remember, every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings.



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2. According to the Christmas carol, "Good King Wencelas looked out on the Feast of Stephen". On what date does the Feast of Stephen fall?
3. From which country did Saint Nicholas originate?
4. If a person was given all the gifts in the song "The Twelve days of Christmas", how many gifts in total would they receive?
5. What Christmas item was invented by London baker Tom Smith in 1847?
6. In which ocean does the Australian territory of Christmas Island lie? There are 2 Christmas Islands, but the Australian one lies in the Indian Ocean.
7. "Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents" is the opening line from which classic novel?
8. If you were born on Christmas day under what zodiac sign would you be?
9. From which country were turkeys introduced into the UK in the 16th Century?
10. What is the name of the German/Austrian yeast cake often served at Christmas?
11. Which Disney animation, based on a T.H. White book was first released on Christmas Day in 1963?
12. In "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" why was The Grinch so mean?
13. Who is said to have introduced the Christmas tree into the UK?
14. What were the names of the three wise men?
15. Which plant associated with Christmas has the Latin name "Viscum Album"?
16. In which Bond film does the character Dr. Christmas Jones appear?
17. What Christmas item was first commercially designed by John Calcott Horsley in 1843?
18. What is the name of The Simpson's pet greyhound?
19. Who were "Walking Backwards to Christmas", in song in 1956?
20. Which is the only book in The Bible to mention the arrival of The Magi at the birth of Christ?
21. Featuring among others the songs "My Funny Valentine" and "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered", what Rodgers and Hart musical opened in New York on Christmas Day in 1940?
22. What is the name of the sweet Italian bread often served at Christmas?



ANSWERS: 1: Norway, 2: Boxing Day (26th December), 3: Turkey, 4: 364, 5: Christmas Cracker, 6: Indian Ocean, 7: Little Women, 8: Capricorn, 9: USA, 10: Santa's Little Helper, 11: The Sword in the Stone, 12: His Majesty's Secret Service, 13: Prince Albert, 14: Balthazar, Melchior and Caspar, 15: Mistletoe, 16: The World is Not Enough, 17: The Christmas Carol, 18: Santa's Little Helper, 19: The Goons, 20: The Gospels of Saint Matthew, 21: Pal Joey, 22: Panemone, 23: 1992, 24: Annie Lennox, 25: William I (The Conqueror), 26: A Close Shave, 27: Mistletoe

23. In which year in The Queen's Speech did Queen Elizabeth II the past twelve months as a "Annus Horribilis"?
24. Born on Christmas Day in 1954, she had hits with such songs as "Walking on Broken Glass" and "No More I Love You's", what is her name?
25. Who was crowned King of England on December 25th 1066?
26. Which Wallace & Gromit movie, set at Christmas and first aired on 24 December, won the 1995 Oscar for best Animated Short Film?
27. In the UK it is traditionally believed that eating a what each day of the twelve days of Christmas brings happiness the following year?

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MULLED WINE

Preparation time Less than 30 mins

Cooking time Less than 10 mins

Serves 6

Ingredients

1 bottle red wine • 60g/2oz demerara sugar • 1 cinnamon stick
grated nutmeg • 1 orange, halved • 1 dried bay leaf

Preparation method

1. Put the wine in a saucepan with the orange, sugar, bayleaf and the spices.
2. Heat gently until the sugar has dissolved. Taste to see if you want the wine sweeter, and add more sugar to taste.
3. Off the heat, stir in the sloe or damson gin if you are using it.
4. Strain into heatproof glasses and serve at once.

YULE LOG

Preparation time 50 mins

plus chilling

Serves 8

Ingredients

3 eggs • 85g golden caster sugar • 85g plain flour (less 2 tbsp)
2 tsp cocoa powder • ½ tsp baking powder

For the filling

50g butter • 140g dark chocolate • broken into squares
1 tbsp golden syrup • 284ml pot double cream 200g icing sugar

Preparation method

1. Heat oven to 200C/fan 180C/gas 6. Grease and line a 23 x 32cm Swiss roll tin with baking parchment. Beat the eggs and sugar together with an electric whisk for about 8 mins until thick and creamy.
2. Mix the flour, cocoa and baking powder together, then sift onto the egg mixture. Fold in very carefully, then pour into the tin. Bake for 10 mins.
3. Lay a sheet of baking parchment on the work surface. When the cake is ready, tip it onto the parchment, peel off the lining paper, then roll the cake up from its longest edge with the paper inside. Leave to cool.
4. To make the icing, melt the butter and chocolate together in a bowl over a pan of hot water. Take from the heat and stir in the syrup and 5 tbsp cream. Beat in the icing sugar until smooth. Whisk the remaining cream until it holds its shape. Unravel the cake, spread the cream over the top, then carefully roll up again into a log.
5. Cut a thick diagonal slice from one end of the log. Lift the log on to a plate, then arrange the slice on the side with the diagonal cut against the cake to make a branch.
6. Spread the icing over the log and branch (don't cover the ends), then use a fork to mark the icing to give the effect of tree bark. Scatter with unsifted icing sugar to resemble snow, and decorate with holly.

MUFFINS

Preparation time Less than 30 mins

Cooking time 10 to 30 mins

Makes 24 Muffins

Ingredients

200g self-raising flour, sifted • 100g golden caster sugar
100ml sunflower oil 75ml milk • 1 large free-range egg
50g good quality dark chocolate, chopped
1 heaped tbsp high quality mincemeat
50g good quality white chocolate, chopped
50g dried (or fresh) cranberries

Preparation method

1. Preheat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5 and put 24 mini-muffin cases inside a mini-muffin tin.
2. Mix the flour and sugar in a bowl, then make a well in the centre. Whisk together the oil, milk and egg and slowly pour into the bowl, stirring gently. Divide this mixture between two bowls. In one bowl add the dark chocolate and mincemeat. Add the white chocolate and cranberries to the other bowl. Stir very gently.
3. Divide the two mixtures among the 24 muffin cases and bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown and risen.
4. Remove the muffins to a wire rack and eat warm.

EGG NOG

Preparation time Less than 30 mins

Cooking time Less than 10 mins

Serves 4 - 6

Ingredients

1140ml/2 pints whole milk • 6 free-range eggs
50g/2oz caster sugar • 1 vanilla pod, split
20 fresh cherries, stones removed and halved
200ml/7fl oz brandy • cocoa powder, for dusting

Preparation method

1. Place the milk, eggs, sugar and vanilla pod in a medium pan and heat gently, without boiling, until the mixture thickens enough to coat the back of a spoon.
2. The egg nog can be chilled at this stage or served hot.
3. To serve, scatter the cherries in the bottom of each serving glass. Divide the brandy between the glasses and pour the egg nog over. Dust with cocoa powder and serve.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING

Preparation time Overnight

Cooking time 2 hours

Ingredients

350g/12oz mixed dried fruit (raisins, currants, sultanas)
100g/3½oz pitted ready-to-eat prunes, chopped or left whole
100g/3½oz dark muscovado sugar • 4 tbsp dark rum
100ml/3½fl oz stout • 100g/3½oz chopped walnuts
100g/3½oz blanched almonds • 100g/3½oz ground almonds
100g/3½oz fresh white breadcrumbs • 50g/1¾oz plain flour
100g/3½oz frozen butter, grated, plus a little extra for greasing
½ tsp freshly grated nutmeg • 1 tsp ground cinnamon
2 tsp mixed spice • 100g/3½oz chopped glacé cherries (or left whole if you prefer) • 3 large free-range eggs, beaten

Preparation method

1. Combine the mixed fruit, prunes, muscovado sugar, rum and stout in a mixing bowl. Stir well to mix, cover and leave for 24 hours to soak.
2. After 24 hours, mix the walnuts, almonds, ground almonds, breadcrumbs, flour, butter, spices, cherries and eggs along with the soaked fruit mixture in a large mixing bowl, making sure you include all the soaking liquor from the soaked fruit. Mix well until completely combined (let all the members of the family have a stir and make a wish).
3. Cover with cling film and leave to stand in a cool place for 24 hours.
4. After 24 hours, grease a 1.2 litre/2 pint pudding basin with butter. Cut a circle of baking paper and place into the bottom of the pudding basin and then grease it with a little more butter. Pack the pudding mixture into the pudding basin, pressing as you add it. Fold a pleat into the middle of a large piece of baking paper and place over the pudding. Cover with a large piece of pleated foil, ensuring the pleats are on top of one another. Secure tightly with kitchen string tied under the lip of the pudding basin.
5. Place an upturned saucer into a large saucepan one-quarter full of water. Fold a long piece of foil into quarters lengthways to create a long strip and place the pudding basin in the middle of the strip. Bring the sides of the strip up the sides of the pudding basin and lower into the saucepan. Ensure the water in the saucepan comes one-third of the way up the side of the pudding basin, but nowhere near the top of the basin. Leave the ends of the foil strip hanging over the side to make it easy to remove the pudding later.
6. Bring the water to the boil and then reduce the heat to a gentle simmer. Simmer gently for 5-6 hours, topping up the water level as necessary throughout cooking (do not allow the pan to dry out).
7. Once the pudding is cooked, remove from the pan and set aside to cool. The pudding can be stored for up to two years in a cool, dry place. To serve, reheat the pudding by steaming again (in the same way) for two hours, or until hot all the way through. Alternatively, remove the foil and reheat in the microwave.

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FESTIVE TELEVISION

Tuesday, December 24th



FILM OF THE DAY

It's a Wonderful Life 1.10-3.50pm C4

Fantasy drama with James Stewart and Donna Reed. A man finds out what the world would be like if he never lived.



The Snowman and The Snowdog

7.30pm C4
Animated sequel to *The Snowman*. A boy makes a snowman and snowdog that come to life.

BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast

9.00 The Gruffalo (R)

9.30 A Beebies Christmas Carol
10.10 Sarah & Duck: Christmas Special.

10.20 The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause

Fantasy comedy with Tim Allen and Martin Short. Jack Frost plans trouble for Santa. (2006)

11.45 Only Fools and Horses (R)

Series 7. The Trotters are burgled soon after arriving in America.

1.10 BBC News

1.20 Regional News; Weather

1.30 Film: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Fantasy adventure based on the children's book by CS Lewis, starring Tilda Swinton. Four children evacuated from war-torn London discover an enchanted world. (2005)

3.40 Film: Toy Story 2

Animated comedy adventure sequel featuring the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen. Woody is stolen, so Buzz Lightyear leads a rescue party. (1999)

5.10 Shrek the Halls (R)

A festive short sees Shrek hoping for a quiet Christmas with Fiona and the babies.

5.35 BBC News

5.50 Regional Programme; Weather

5.55 Finding Nemo

A clown fish tries to rescue his son, who has been netted by a scuba diver. Drama, with the voices of Albert Brooks and Alexander Gould. (2003)

7.30 EastEnders

David goes ahead with his blackmail plan, and the Moons bid farewell to the Vic.

8.00 Holby City

All I want for Christmas Is You. Mary-Claire's refusal to forgive Edward puts him in a difficult position with Serena. Mr Thompson, meanwhile, is entertaining the troops in fine style.

9.00 Last Tango in Halifax

Gillian worries about the fallout from her confession and Kate is rushed to hospital. Caroline's emotions are in turmoil as Celia and Alan's wedding day dawns. Last in the series.

10.00 Not Going Out Christmas Special

Keen to impress for Christmas, Lee invites Lucy's parents to join them and Daisy at his dear dead aunt's cosy old country house.

10.45 Outnumbered

Christmas special from 2012
In last year's Christmas special, the children are far from the life and soul when Mum and Dad throw a party.

(R) National Lottery Update.

11.30 BBC News; Weather

11.45 Westminster Abbey:

The First Eucharist of Christmas

Live service from Westminster Abbey in London.

1.05 Protocol

Comedy starring Goldie Hawn and Chris Sarandon. After saving the life of an Arab diplomat, a cocktail waitress achieves national fame and is drafted into the US government's department of Protocol. (1984)

2.35 Weatherview

2.40 BBC News

BBC 2

6.00 This Is BBC Two

6.50 Natural World: Animal House

7.50 Herbie Rides Again

Sequel to *The Love Bug* with Helen Haye. Herbie tries to help a woman threatened with eviction. (1974)

9.15 Westminster Abbey.

10.15 An American in Paris

Musical starring Gene Kelle and Leslie Caron. Jerry, an American painter, falls in love with an orphan who is engaged. (1951)

12.05 Splash!

Romantic fantasy comedy starring Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah. A mermaid saves a man from drowning, and years later leaves the sea to find him. (1984)

1.50 Guys and Dolls

Musical comedy starring Marlon Brando, Jean Simmons and Frank Sinatra. Gambler Nathan searches for a new location for his dice game. (1955)

4.15 Fantasia

Animated interpretations of well-known pieces of classical music, including the renowned sequence from *The Sorcerers Apprentice* in which Mickey Mouse famously struggles with some out-of-control brooms. (1940)

6.15 Carols from King's

A traditional celebration of Christmas from the chapel of King's College, Cambridge. Carols include *In Dulci Jubilo*, *Ding Dong Merrily on High* and *Angels from the Realms of Glory*, while the story of the Nativity is told in the words of the King James Bible, and in poems by Edwin Muir; GK Chesterton and Ben Jonson.

7.30 The Perfect Morecambe & Wise Christmas Special

Classic comedy from the duo's festive BBC shows. Des O'Connor has finally had enough of all the insults, Angela Rippon gets out from behind the news desk and André Previn receives a masterclass in how to play Grieg.

8.00 Victoria Wood's Midlife Christmas.

The Bafta Award-winning comedian's Christmas special from four years ago, featuring highlights from the Midlife Olympics 2009, the popular costume drama *Lark Pies* to Cranchesterford, and the further adventures of *Acorn Antiques* soap star Bo Beaumont. Featuring Julie Walters and Delia Smith.

9.00 QI XL

Stephen Fry hosts a festive edition of the comedy quiz, with guests Jo Brand, Phill Jupitus, Brendan O'Carroll and Alan Davies.

9.45 Mel Smith: I've Sort of Done Things.

A celebration of the life and career of the actor/writer/director/businessman, racing enthusiast and bon viveur who died in July at the age of 60. With contributions by Griff Rhys Jones, John Lloyd and Richard Curtis.

10.45 Comedy Connections

How Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones collaborated to create a successful and influential comedy partnership. (R)

11.25 The Awakening

Supernatural thriller. England 1921: Florence Cathcart has made a name for herself by debunking ghostly phenomena. But when invited to a haunted boarding school in Cumbria, Florence is faced with her greatest challenge. (2011)

1.05 The Spiral Staircase

Thriller starring Dorothy McGuire. A murderer stalks a small New England town at the beginning of the 20th Century. (1945)

2.30 This Is BBC Two

ITV 1

6.00 Daybreak

News and entertainment.

8.30 Lorraine

Celebrity guests, gossip and fashion.

9.25 The Christmas Takeover

Fantasy comedy starring Harry Hamlin. Ruthless toy tycoon Tyler Madison plans to corner the market by putting his rival, Santa Claus, out of business. (1998)

11.30 Catchphrase Quiz show

12.15 ITV News Weather

12.30 Let's Do Christmas with

Gino and Mel

The hosts are joined by singer Billy Ocean.

1.30 Steppin' Out with

Katherine Jenkins

A cabaret show with the singer and star guests.

2.45 Gary Barlow:

Journey to Afghanistan

A show for British troops.

3.45 Fast Freddie, the Widow and Me
Heart warming drama about a wealthy but narrow-minded luxury car dealer who is forced to confront his prejudices when a drink-driving offence sees him sentenced to community service.

5.15 The Nation's Favourite Christmas Song

If you haven't succumbed to the festive feeling yet, there'll be no getting away from it as this programme counts down the top 20 seasonal songs as voted for in a nationwide poll.

6.45 ITV News weather

7.00 Emmerdale

Priya tells David to call off the wedding.

7.30 You've Been Framed!

At Christmas

Harry Hill narrates a selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring a kid wrestling a Christmas tree and the world's most terrifying present.

8.00 Midsomer Murders

New series. 1/5. *The Christmas Haunting*
New detective Charlie Nelson moves to Midsomer at Christmas - and is soon plunged into a murder inquiry. The season of goodwill fails to extend to all men when a guest attending a ghost-hunting party in Morton Shallows is slain with an antique sword.

10.00 ITV News at Ten weather

10.15 Christmas Carols on ITV

Aled Jones is joined by tenor Russell Watson, Britain's Got Talent finalists Richard and Adam, choriboy Jack Topping and Emmerdale's Natalie Anderson for performance of popular carols from St Michael the Archangel Church in the village of Kirkby Malham, North Yorkshire.

11.15 Couples Retreat

Comedy starring Vince Vaughn, Jason Bateman and Jon Favreau. In an attempt to save their marriage, Jason and Cynthia enrol in a course of therapy sessions at a tropical resort, inviting their friends along for moral support. However, the therapy isn't optional and soon they're all being scrutinised.

1.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA

The host takes his controversial show stateside

2.00 Nightscreen Text Information

5.05-6.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show

A ding-dog discussion in the studio

Channel 4

5.55am Wilde Stories Triple bill

7.15 The Bear

Raymond Briggs animation.

7.45 The Nativity Story

Religious drama with Keisha Castle-Hughes. In Nazareth, an angel tells Mary she will bear the son of God. (2006)

9.45 The Big Bang Theory Double bill

10.40 The Simpsons Triple bill

12.10pm Deal or No Deal

1.10 It's a Wonderful Life

Fantasy drama with James Stewart and Donna Reed. A man finds out what the world would be like had he never lived. (1946)

3.50 The Grinch

Comedy fantasy based on the book by Dr Seuss, starring Jim Carrey. It's Christmas in Whoville and preparations are in full swing, but up in his mountain lair the Grinch feels resentful of the Whovians' happiness. (2000.)

6.00 The Simpsons

Treehouse of Horror XIX. A giant pumpkin seeks revenge on Springfield.

6.25 Hollyoaks

Sinead feels pushed out by a surprise arrival.

6.55 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather

7.00 4thought.tv

How Christmas is perceived by those who do not celebrate it.

7.05 Ice Age: a Mammoth Christmas

In a spin-off from the films, Sid, Crash, Eddie and Peaches head to the North Pole.

7.30 The Snowman and The Snowdog

Animated sequel to *The Snowman*. A boy makes a snowman and a snowdog that come to life.

8.05 Big Fat Gypsy Weddings:

Carols and Caravans

The Christmas celebrations of the travelling community, including a spectacular winter wedding.

9.00 The IT Crowd Special: The Internet Is Coming

IT Crowd Night begins with this one-off episode. Roy and Jen's reputations are at stake when an incident involving spilt coffee and a homeless person ends up online.

10.00 The IT Crowd Manual

This behind-the-scenes documentary features interviews with the main cast of the comedy as well as guest stars Noel Fielding and Matt Berry, and famous fans including Paul Whitehouse.

11.05 The IT Crowd: The Fans' Favourite Episode

A "people's choice" episode of the office-based comedy, voted for by fans.

11.35 The IT Crowd: The Writer's Favourite Episode

Graham Linehan picks his favourite among the instalments he penned.

12.10 The Inbetweeners

Series 2. The boys attend a school tip, do work experience, celebrate Will's birthday and go on a London night out.

2.05 Idiocracy

Satirical sci-fi comedy with Luke Wilson. After an experiment goes wrong, a soldier awakes from being frozen for 500 years. (2006)

3.25 90210

17/22 Series 5. Naomi is hired by an up-and-coming mogul

4.05 Suburgatory

10/22 Series 2. George manages to persuade Noah and Fred to start a band.

4.30 Suburgatory

11/22 Series 2. Yakult becomes depressed.

4.50 Suburgatory

12/22 Series 2. Dallas is ejected from Chatswin society

5.15 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun

A couple seek a new home on Saint Lucia

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! Bananas in Pyjamas

6.10 Igam Ogam 6.20 Fireman Sam

6.35 The Wotwots 6.45 Peppa Pig

6.50 Milkshake! Bop Box

6.55 Milkshake! Monkey

7.00 Little Princess 7.10 Ben and Holly

7.20 The Mr Men Show

7.35 Thomas & Friends

7.45 Noddy in Toyland 7.55 Flifi

8.10 Peppa Pig

8.25 Toby's Travelling Circus

8.40 Bananas in Pyjamas

8.55 Ticket to Toc 9.05 Bert and Ernie

9.15 Roary 9.30 The Mr Men Show

9.45 Mist: Sheepdog Tales

10.00 Chinese Food in Minutes

Oriental cooking.

10.05 The Dog Rescuers

Welfare officer Dan Hatfield visits an obese staffie called Sasha.

10.40 World's Strongest Man

Action from the Giants Live tour event in Norway.

11.40 Eddie Stobart's Christmas Cracker

The truckers deliver a consignment of reindeer.

12.40 Clash of the Titans

Fantasy adventure starring Laurence Olivier and Harry Hamlin. Perseus, son of Zeus, sets out to win the love of Andromeda.

3.00 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

Comedy. Sophisticated conman Lawrence Jamieson makes a tidy living fleecing rich women in the French resort of Beaumont-sur-Mer, until his position is suddenly threatened by the arrival of small-time American rival Freddy Benson.

5.10 Scrooge

Colourised version of the classic British take on Dickens's A Christmas Carol. On Christmas Eve, a tight-fisted businessman is visited by three ghosts who remind him of the true spirit of Christmas.

7.00 Eddie Stobart: 12 Days of Christmas

This collection of festive highlights from the series sees the truckers battle the elements and the traffic as they try to meet deadlines in the last-minute Christmas chaos.

8.00 The Muppets and Lady Gaga at Christmas

The pop star joins forces with the Muppets for a variety show of songs and sketches.

9.10 Greatest Ever Christmas Movies

Classics like *White Christmas* and *It's a Wonderful Life* and more recent features such as *Bad Santa* and *Elf* all figure in this countdown. Aled Jones reveals that he only saw *The Snowman* for the first time ten years ago, while the stars of *Gremlins* and *Miracle on 34th Street*, Zach Galligan and Mara Wilson respectively, recall their experiences. With contributions from Ollie Lock, Stacey Solomon, Joe Swash and Eamonn Holmes.

12.05 Britain's Craziest Christmas Lights

Four households' illuminations

1.05 SuperCasio

3.05 Blackpool Lights

New Series 1/3. Following some of the characters who live and work in the town

3.55 House Doctor

A five bedroom house in Northwich

4.20 House Doctor

Ann Maurice transforms a dingy Cheltenham house

4.45 Great Artists

The life and work of Michelangelo

5.10 Nick's Quest

Conserving the giant river otter of Guyana

5.35 Wildlife SOS

The work of an animal sanctuary

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FESTIVE TELEVISION

Wednesday, December 25th



FILM OF THE DAY

Toy Story 3

3.20-5.00pm BBC1

Animated comedy adventure sequel, with the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen. Woody and the gang embark on a daring mission to escape a day-care centre.

Mrs Brown's Boys

9.30pm BBC1

Agnes finds festive spirit lacking during a games night when her rules are disobeyed

BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast with Charlie Stayt
9.00 The Gruffalo's Child
9.25 The Madagascar Penguins in a Christmas Caper
9.40 Old Jack's Boat: the Christmas Quest
10.00 LIVE Christmas Day: Live from Westminster Abbey
 Traditional morning service.
11.00 Chicken Run Animated tale from Aardman about hens who plan a PoW-style escape from a farm.
12.20 BBC News; Weather
12.30 Princess and the Frog
 Can a prince and a waitress, who have been turned into frogs, undo the spell?

2.00 Top of the Pops Christmas
 2013's hits.
3.00 The Queen
 Her Majesty addresses the nation and Commonwealth.
3.10 BBC News; Weather
3.20 Toy Story 3
 Animated comedy adventure sequel, with the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen. Woody and the gang embark on a daring mission to escape a day-care centre.

5.00 Strictly Come Dancing
 Strutting their stuff in a Christmas special of the ballroom dance-off are Saturdays singer Rochelle Humes, comedian Rufus Hound, singer Matt Goss, EastEnders actor Ricky Norwood, West End star Elaine Paige and DJ Sara Cox. Choirboy Jack Topping adds his rendition of Tomorrow.

6.15 Call the Midwife
 The Christmas festivities in Poplar are thrown into chaos by the discovery of an unexploded bomb. Jenny and Trixie break all the rules for a young couple expecting their first child.

7.30 Doctor Who
The Time of the Doctor. The massed forces of the universe's deadliest alien species are drawn to a quiet planet by a mysterious message echoing out to the stars.
8.30 EastEnders
 Janine once again takes matters into her own hands.

9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys
Buckin' Mammy. In the first of two seasonal specials, Agnes finds festive spirit lacking during a games night when her rules are disobeyed.

10.05 Michael McIntyre's Showtime
 A stand-up performance from the comedian in which he cements his position at the top of the tree.
11.05 BBC News Weather
11.20 On Christmas Night
 Naiambana reads from the Gospel of St Matthew.

11.25 The Vicar of Dibley
 The Christmas Lunch Incident. Geraldine mistakenly agrees to attend three slap-up lunches.
Followed by National Lottery Update
12.10 Would I Lie to You?
 At Christmas Guests include Barry Cryer.

12.40 Anchorman:
The Legend of Ron Burgundy
 Comedy starring Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate. A top newsreader in the 1970s finds his position under threat.

2.15 Weatherview
2.20-6.00am BBC News (S)

BBC 2

6.20 Natural World India's sloth bear.
7.20 Herbie Goes Bananas
 The car with special powers gets caught up in a plot to steal incan gold in this madcap comedy.
8.50 The Red Shoes
 Dazzling ballet drama about a dancer torn between romance and her love of performing.

11.00 Carols from King's
 The traditional celebration of Christmas.
12.15 Music of the Monarchy with David Starkey
 Pieces composed for the royal family.

1.20 Swingin' Christmas Michael Parkinson introduces the John Wilson Orchestra.
2.45 The Perfect Morecambe and Wise Christmas Special
3.15 Doctor Who at the Proms
 Highlights from this summer's show, featuring Murray Gold's music, accompanied by sequences from the Doctor's most recent adventures.

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6.10 Dino Dan
6.40 Sooty
6.50 Bookaboo
7.05 Horrid Henry
7.20 Almost Naked Animals
7.55 Bottom Knockers Street
8.25 Dinner Date
 Emily from Surrey takes part.

9.25 Santa Claus
 Comedy. One of Santa's elves heads for New York to make a name for himself.

11.25 The Chase: Text Santa Special
12.30 The Big Christmas Reunion
 The pop stars gather again to make a charity single.

1.30 You've Been Framed!
At Christmas
 A child picks a fight with a Christmas tree.

2.00 River Deep Mountain High: James Nesbitt in New Zealand
 A stunning 1,000-mile journey.

3.00 The Queen
 Her Majesty's address.

3.10 ITV News; Weather
3.20 Tangled
 Animated adventure about the long-haired Rapunzel, who has been incarcerated for all of her life. When she falls in love, she ventures into the outside world for the first time.

5.15 Paul O'Grady: for the Love of Dogs at Christmas
 The comedian helps out at Battersea Dogs & Cats Home over the festive period, having much fun with the 12 pups of Christmas and meeting a three-legged friend.

6.15 Emmerdale
 Charity catches a drunken Declan pouring petrol around his house.

7.15 ITV News weather
7.30 Coronation Street
 Roy's hopes for a quiet Christmas with Hayley are dashed.

8.30 Downton Abbey
 When the Crawleys arrive in London for the presentation of debutante Rose, the family becomes implicated in a scandal threatening the monarchy. Robert has to go to great lengths to protect the royal family - and his own.

10.30 ITV News Weather
10.45 Love Actually
 Sentimental ensemble romantic comedy featuring Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Laura Linney and Keira Knightley. People from various walks of life suffer the emotional highs and lows of being in love.

1.10am Christmas Carols on ITV
 Popular carols from North Yorkshire.

2.10 Closing the Ring
 Romantic drama starring Shirley MacLaine and Christopher Plummer. After the death of her husband, a woman reminisces about the events that led to her marriage.

4.05-6.00am Nightscreen
Text information.

Channel 4

6.10am Children's Ivor the invisible
6.35 Prep & Landing
 Emmy-winning animation.
7.00 Famous Fred
7.25 Little Wolf's Book of Badness
7.55 Olive, the Other Reindeer
8.50 James and the Giant Peach
 Part-animated fantasy about a boy who receives a magical gift.

10.25 Dr Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!
 An elephant discovers a tiny world - and its people need his help.

12.05pm The Big Bang Theory
1.05 The Simpsons The first episode.
1.40 The Snowman
 Raymond Briggs's atmospheric animation.

2.10 The Snowman and The Snowdog
 Charming sequel.
2.45 The Simpsons
 Bart's in trouble.

3.15 Deal or No Deal
4.15 The Alternative Christmas Message
4.20 News; Sport; Weather
4.30 4thought.tv
4.35 The Muppet Christmas Carol
 Comedy fantasy. The inimitable puppets are joined by Michael Caine for their own special interpretation of the classic.

6.15 Home Alone 2: Lost in New York
 Sequel to the hit comedy. Kevin McCallister finds himself alone in New York, where he meets two old enemies.

8.30 Bear's Wild Weekend with Stephen Fry
 The comedian ventures out of his comfort zone on a mountainous expedition with Bear Grylls. Over two days, high in the Italian Dolomites, Stephen travels on the skids of a helicopter climbs down a 500-foot waterfall and abseils down a towering cliff face. In the treacherous conditions, Stephen finds himself facing up to some of his deepest fears.

9.30 Alan Carr: Chatty Man
 The frolics threaten to get festive as the camp comedian is joined by stand-up Russell Brand, TV presenter Davina McCall and antiques expert David Dickinson. Plus music from Little Mix.

10.35 Man Down
 A terrifying Yuletide tradition, visited upon him by his psychotic fathen and Scrooge 3000 - a school play set in space - are but two of the Christmas challenges likely to keep the hapless Dan on a downward curve.

11.05 Father Ted
 A Christmassy Ted. Ted averts a potentially embarrassing situation in a lingerie department.

12.15am Father Ted 3/8 Series 3. Dougal becomes the replacement for Craggy Island's milkman.

12.50 1/8 Ted tries to prove he's not racist. **1.20 5/10 Series 2.** The boys enter Eurosong.

1.45 5/8 Series 3. Ted cheats in a football match.

2.15 6/10 Series 2. Bishop Brennan visits.

2.40 7/10 Series 2. A beauty contest.

3.05 A Matter of Life and Death
 Romantic fantasy starring David Niven and Kim Hunter. A pilot survives a plane crash, but a mistake is discovered in heaven.

4.50 90210 18/22 Series 5. Annie reveals herself as Author X.

5.30-5.55am Suburgatory 13/22 Series 2. Sheila's mother visits.

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! Igam Ogam **6.10 Fireman Sam** **6.20 Milkshake!** Bop Box **6.25 Milkshake!** Monkey **6.30 Little Princess** **6.40 Ben and Holly** **6.55 Thomas & Friends** **7.05 Noddy In Toyland** **7.15 Peppa Pig** **7.30 Toby's Travelling Circus** **7.40 Bananas** In Pyjamas **7.50 Ticky Tock**

8.05 Scrooge
 Dickensian musical adaptation with Albert Finney as the old grump who has his miserly ways changed by three spirits.

10.15-2.35 Gone with the Wind
 Epic, Oscar-winning romantic drama. A southern belle and a charming rogue strike sparks during the US Civil War.

2.35pm Casablanca
 Classic romantic drama starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. Rick's Café in wartime Casablanca is a magnet for criminals, refugees, resistance fighters and Nazis. Its cynical owner Richard "Rick" Blaine, sticks his neck out for no one. No one, that is, until the arrival of the beautiful Ilsa Lund and her husband Victor Lazzaro, who are desperate to escape to America.

4.40 Greatest Ever Christmas Movies
 Classics such as White Christmas and Its a Wonderful Life and recent features including Bad Santa and Elf all figure in this clip-crammed countdown of festive films. Aled Jones, Zach Galligan, Mara Wilson, Ollie Lock, Stacey Solomon, Joe Swash and Eamonn Holmes are among those having their say.

7.30 Britian's Craziest Christmas Lights
 Following four households who have taken their enthusiasm for Christmas illuminations to extreme and extravagant levels. After months of planning, devotees like Dave and Carol Edwards put up their dazzling displays.

8.30 Eddie Stobart: 12 Days of Christmas
 A chance to catch up with some of the best moments from the series as the logistics firm's truckers battle the elements and the traffic in the last-minute Christmas chaos.

9.30 Michael Jackson's This Is It
 Concert documentary from the director of High School Musical that features auditions and rehearsal footage for the King of Pop's ill-fated series of concerts at London's O2.

11.40 Greatest Christmas TV Moments
 A countdown of 50 favourite Christmas TV moments, bedecked with the antics of stalwarts such as Morecambe and Wise and Deland Rodney in Only Fools and Horses.

2.35 SuperCasino Gaming.
3.55 House Doctor
 A Victorian semi in Camberley.

4.20 From Ouorn, Leicestershire.
4.45 Great Artists
 Italian Renaissance painter Raphael.

5.10 Nick's Quest
 Saving leatherback turtles from extinction.

5.35-6.00 Wildlife SOS
 The work of an animal sanctuary.

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FESTIVE TELEVISION

Thursday, December 26th



FILM OF THE DAY

The Wizard of Oz

5.15-7.15pm C5

When a tornado hits Dorothy's home in Kansas, she is whisked off far away into a strange world. There she must escape the clutches of the Wicked Witch of the West and find her way to the Emerald City.



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

(Part 1)

7.15pm ITV1

With Lord Voldemort in the ascendancy, Harry, Ron and Hermione are forced to go on the run

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6.00 Breakfast With Charlie Stayt.

9.00 Room on the Broom

Animated magical tale based on the children's picture book by Julia Donaldson.

9.25 Mouse and Mole at Christmas Time

A mouse's wishes come true.

9.55 101 Dalmatians

Disney's live-action adaptation of the classic tale, starring Glenn Close.

11.30 Flushed Away

Animated comedy adventure featuring the voice of Hugh Jackman.

12.50pm BBC News weather

1.05 Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit

Animated comedy adventure with the voice of Peter Sallis. Enterprising Wallace and Gromit cash in with their humane pest-control outfit.

2.25 Alice In Wonderland

Alice spots a white rabbit from her dreams and follows the creature down a hole.

4.05 Cars 2

Animated comedy. Lightning McQueen races in the World Grand Prix with a new biofuel, and takes Mater along as part of his pit crew.

5.45 BBC News Regional News

6.05 Gangsta Granny

David Walliams is joined by Julia McKenzie, Joanna Lumley and Miranda Hart in this adaptation of his book about a bored boy who discovers another side to his seemingly sweet old grandma. When she reveals her secret past, they embark on a series of adventures.

7.15 EastEnders

The new Vic landlord makes his presence felt.

7.45 Still Open All Hours

In a one-off return of the much-loved sitcom, Granville has inherited the emporium from his Uncle Arkwright and runs it with his son Leroy. But some things never change: Nurse Gladys Emmanuel and the Black Widow are still regulars.

8.15 Death Comes to Pemberley

New series. 1/3. Mystery drama starring Matthew Rhys and Anna Maxwell Martin. On the eve of the Darcys' annual ball at their magnificent Pemberley home, Elizabeth and Fitzwilliam are entertaining their guests after supper when an unexpected visitor brings news of a murder in the Woods.

9.20 Len Goodman's Perfect Christmas

From presents to party games, good food to good company, the Strictly judge offers his own version of the ideal Christmas. He takes a twirl through the archives to relive an unforgettable moment for every step of the day.

10.00 BBC News

10.25 Match of the Day

Highlights of Manchester City v Liverpool, Hull City v Manchester United and West Ham v Arsenal.

11.55 Have I Got a Bit More

2013 News for You

An extended edition of last Friday's show, highlighting back at the big news stories of the year.

12.40 Skiing Weatherview

12.45 BBC News

BBC 2

6.05 Natural World African driver ant.

6.50 Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo Third comedy in the Love Bug series. The lovable Beetle is entered in the Paris-Monte Carlo rally.

8.35 Westminster Abbey

The new intake of pupils talk about their lives at the choir school.

9.35 Earthflight

Bird's-eye views.

10.35 Pride & Prejudice:

Having a Ball

A team of experts re-creates a Regency ball.

12.05 Emma

Period romantic drama with Gwyneth Paltrow. Emma Woodhouse spends so much time meddling in the affairs of others that she fails to follow her own heart.

2.00 Operation Snow Tiger

Double bill. Studying endangered tigers in Russia's Far East.

4.00 Final Score

Results, live reports and interviews on a packed Boxing Day programme. With Jason Mohammad.

5.15 You Have Been Watching - David Croft

David Croft had a hand in five of the most successful sitcoms in British television history - *Dads Army*, *Are You Being Served?*, *It Ain't Half Hot Mum*, *Hi-de-Hi!* and *'Allo 'Allo!*. Here, friends, family and colleagues pay tribute to the TV comedy genius.

6.15 Dad's Army

Comedy adapted from the popular TV sitcom. In 1940, with a German invasion threatened, the defence of Walmington-on-Sea is in the hands of Captain Mainwaring, the bank manager and a motley collection of townspeople who make up the Local Defence Volunteers.

7.45 Christmas University Challenge

4/10. Alumni from Gonville & Caius, Cambridge and Christ Church, Oxford compete, with Andrew Graham-Dixon and Helen Castor among the contestants.

8.15 Idris Elba: King of Speed

1/2. The Luther star embarks on a petrol-soaked international journey to explore the history of car racing while sampling the thrill of competition vehicles. Tonight, he visits Motorcity in Detroit, before heading to New Jersey to reveal the history of the first boy racers. Concludes tomorrow 8pm.

9.15 Ben and James versus the Arabian Desert

1/2. Ben Fogle and James Cracknell trek deep into the Rub' al Khali, or Empty Quarter of the Arabian desert, following in the footsteps of intrepid explorer Wilfred Thesiger. In the World's largest sand desert, they train with Bedouin tribesmen and, with only four grumpy camels for company, put themselves and their friendship to the ultimate test.

10.15 King Arthur

Period action adventure. In the last days of the Roman Empire, Arthur and his knights protect Roman interests from the indigenous Woads, led by Merlin. On the day of their promised freedom, the knights are forced to rescue a notable family from the invading Saxons, but Arthur begins to doubt his faith and allegiance to Rome.

12.10 Dracula

Classic horror with Peter Cushing. Jonathan Harker mysteriously disappears when he pays a visit to the feared Count Dracula.

1.30 Sign Zone

1.30 Jane Eyre

Period romantic drama based on the novel by Charlotte Brontë, starring Mia Wasikowska.

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7.20 Almost Naked Animals

7.55 Bottom Knocker Street

8.25 Dinner Date

David from Essex tries his luck.

9.25 Problem Child

Unsuspecting suburban couple Ben and Flo adopt a fiendish orphan, Junior.

11.00 The Flintstones

Comedy starring John Goodman. Fred Flintstone wins promotion at the quarry.

12.45pm ITV News

1.05-3.00 Casper

Supernatural comedy fantasy starring Christina Ricci. A Wicked heiress hires a specialist on ghosts to rid the haunted house she's inherited of its unwanted inhabitants.

3.00pm Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 - behind the Magic

A journey behind the scenes as Daniel Radcliffe gives Ben Shephard an insight into the making of the film. Ben finds out how film-makers spent almost two years creating a scene where seven Harrys appear at once.

4.00 Off Their Rockers

A pensioner is pushed around in a supermarket trolley after her wheelchair is stolen.

4.30 The Nation's Favourite

Elvis Song

Archive footage and home videos, along with interviews from different generations of pop stars, combine to portray the man behind the music-followed by a countdown of 20 of his classic tracks before the nation's number one Elvis song is revealed. Narrated by Zoe Ball.

6.00 ITV News

6.15 Emmerdale

At Home Farm, a fire takes hold and Megan is trapped. Sam worries that he is to blame, and Charity offers Declan an alibi - for a price.

7.15 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1

Fantasy adventure. With Lord Voldemort in the ascendancy, teenage wizard Harry Potter and his friends Hermione and Ron are forced to go on the run. Armed with items given to them by headmaster Albus Dumbledore, they seek to destroy things that contain the secret of Voldemort's power.

10.05 I Am Britney Jean:

Britney Spears in Las Vegas

A portrait of the hugely successful singer as she prepares to embark on the latest chapter of her colourful career: a two-year residency in Vegas.

11.05 ITV News

11.20 Through the Christmas Keyhole Celebrities foolishly give Keith Lemon the chance to rummage around in their abodes.

12.20 The Affair of the Necklace

Period romantic drama starring Hilary Swank as Jeanne de la Motte-Valois, a young woman who seeks revenge for the injustices dealt her family.

2.20 Inland Empire

Mystery drama starring Laura Dern. Actress Nikki Grace faces a nightmare after winning a role in a new film that is beset by problems from the outset. English, Polish + subtitles

5.20 Nightscreen

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Channel 4

5.55 Prep & Landing: Naughty v Nice

6.15 Mysterious Island

A group of soldiers escape from prison only to end up on an island occupied by giant creatures.

8.00 The Morning Line

Racing.

9.00 Frasier

10.00 The Big Bang Theory

10.30 The King and I

Musical with Deborah Kerr and Yul Brynner. The arrival of strong-willed Anna Leonowens at the court of Siam in 1862 arouses curiosity.

1.05pm LIVE Racing

From Kempton Park, races at 1.25, 2.00, 2.35 and 3.10. Plus Wetherby at 1.40

3.35 Deal or No Deal

4.35 Come Dine with Me

Comedians Sean Hughes, Gina Vashere, Paul Tonkinson and Duncan Norvelle compete to win the £1,000 prize for charity.

5.35 Hollyoaks

On Christmas Day, Mercedes finds an inner generosity that surprises the recipient.

6.05 Channel 4 News

6.15 4thought.tv

Examining how Christmas is perceived by those who do not celebrate it.

6.20 Independence Day

Sci-fi adventure starring Will Smith, Bill Pullman and Jeff Goldblum. The Earth faces its greatest challenge when alien spaceships take up positions above major cities. While world leaders speculate on the intentions of the visitors, cable-TV boffin David Levinson discovers that a signal emanating from the alien vessels is in fact a sinister countdown and the future of the human race hangs in the balance.

9.00 Big Fat Quiz of the Year

Question master Jimmy Carr finds out who gets bragging rights for their memory of events over the past year. A panel of contestants comprising Jack Whitehall and Micky Flanagan, Dara O Briain and Kristian Schaal, and Noel Fielding and Richard Ayoade cast their minds back over the key people and events of 2013.

11.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man

The host is joined by comedian Russell Brand, TV presenter Davina McCall and antiques expert David Dickinson. Music comes courtesy of Little Mix, in the form of their new single Little Me.

12.10am Machete

Ultra-violent action thriller starring Michelle Rodriguez, Jessica Alba and Robert De Niro. A hitman embarks on a revenge mission after being set up by those who hired him.

2.00 Legend

Fantasy adventure starring Tom Cruise Tim Curry and Mia Sara. In a magical world populated with elves, goblins, unicorns and fairies, a princess comes under the terrifying shadow of the demonic Lord of Darkness.

3.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun

Kathy searches for a holiday home in Antigua.

4.35 Secret Removers

In Birkenhead.

5.30 Suburgatory

14/22 Series 2. George helps Dallas to coach a T-ball team.

5.55 Suburgatory

15/22. George and Noah organise a memorial when their elderly friend Marty dies.

6.15 Suburgatory

16/22. Noah is convinced that Carmen is the love of his life.

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! Bananas in Pyjamas

6.10 Igam Ogam

6.25 Fireman Sam

6.35 The WotWots

6.45 Peppa Pig

6.50 Milkshake! Bop Box

6.55 Milkshake! Monkey

7.00 Little Princess

7.10 Ben and Holly

7.20 The Mr Men Show

7.35 Thomas & Friends

7.45 Noddy

7.55 Fifi

8.10 Peppa Pig

8.25 Toby's Travelling Circus

8.35 Bananas in Pyjamas

8.55 Tickety Toc

9.05 Bert and Ernie

9.15 Roary

9.30 Mist

9.45 World's Strongest Man

10.45 Eddie Stobart:

12 Days of Christmas

11.45 World's Most Pampered Pets Documentary meeting people who spoil their animals rotten.

12.45 High Society

Musical comedy with Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly and Frank Sinatra.

2.55pm Meet Me In St Louis

Classic musical, the first of a double bill starring Judy Garland, that follows the everyday adventures and romances of the Smith family in early 20th-century Missouri.

5.15 The Wizard of Oz

Classic musical fantasy starring Judy Garland. When a tornado hits Dorothy's home in Kansas, she is whisked off far away into a strange world. There she must escape the clutches of the Wicked Witch of the West and find her way to the Emerald City.

7.15 Michael Bubl  s

Christmas Special

The internationally renowned Canadian singer/songwriter is joined by special guests including Mary J Blige, Mariah Carey and the Cookie Monster to perform some classic songs of the season, including Run, Run Rudolph and All I Want for Christmas Is You.

8.15 World's Strongest Man

James Richardson presents action from the opening heat from Haitang Bay in China, where the top two of six will progress to the final.

9.15 Britain's Favourite

Christmas Songs

A countdown of the most-loved festive tunes, from the Jackson 5's Santa Claus Is Coming to Town and Mud's Lonely This Christmas to Jona Lewie's Stop the Cavalry, Greg Lake's I Believe in Father Christmas, the Pogues and Kirsty MacColl's Fairytale of New York and the Waitresses' Christmas Wrapping.

12.10 Michael Bubl  s's Christmas Special

1.10 Supercasino Live gaming.

3.05 Blackpool Lights

2/3. Preparations for Gay Pride weekend.

3.55 House Doctor

A period property in Bow is scrutinised.

4.20 House Doctor In Darlington.

4.45 Great Artists

A look at Titian's pioneering technique.

5.10 Nick's Quest

5.35 Wildlife SOS The work of an animal sanctuary.

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FESTIVE TELEVISION

Friday, December 27th



FILM OF THE DAY

Megamind

4.10-5.40pm BBC1

Supervillan Megamind finally defeats his arch nemesis, Metro Man. But life without an adversary proves dull

You've Been Framed

8.00pm ITV1

Join Harry Hill for a comical selection of mishaps



BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast Jon Kay and Naga Munchetty.

8.20 Match of the Day

9.50 102 Dalmatians

Comedy adventure sequel starring Glenn Close and Gerard Depardieu.

11.25 Bedtime Stories

Fantasy comedy starring Adam Sandler and Keri Russell. Bedtime stories begin to have a magical impact on the real world.

1.00 BBC News Weather

1.25 Open All Hours: a Celebration

A look at the enduring appeal of the classic comedy as its makers return to Doncaster to make a special one-off episode, shown last night.

1.55 Len Goodman's Perfect Christmas

The Strictly judge takes a twirl through the TV archives.

2.35 Enchanted

Part-animated fantasy starring Amy Adams. A fairy-tale princess is magically transported into modern-day New York.

4.10 Megamind

Animated comedy adventure. Supervillain Megamind finally defeats his nemesis, Metro Man. But life without an adversary proves dull, so he creates a new hero to fight.

5.40 BBC News

Weather; Regional news; Weather

6.05 Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

Period action adventure starring Harrison Ford. Nevada in the late 1950's intrepid archaeologist Indiana Jones races against Soviet agents to find a mysterious artefact of untold power.

8.00 EastEnders

Linda is livid with Mick. Ronnie realises Roxy is going down a dangerous path. Next episode Monday 9pm.

8.30 Miranda

Series 3. The Dinner Party. Determined to prove she can handle adult responsibilities, Miranda tries to look after a toddler.

9.00 Death Comes to Pemberley

2/3. An arrest has been made after dramatic events in the woods, and Elizabeth reassures the staff of Pemberley that all is well. Darcy, however, seems unconvinced.

10.00 BBC News

Regional News; Weather

Followed by National Lottery Update

10.20 Mrs Brown's Boys

1/2. **Buckin' Mammy** The family fall out over a board game.

11.00 Not Going Out

Horror starring Peter Cushing. Despite warnings, a team of archaeologists enter the tomb of an Egyptian princess. Their nemesis arrives in the shape of a mummy - a devoted priest who was buried alive with the princess when she died.

11.45 John Bishop's Christmas Show From the Lyceum Theatre, London.

12.45 The Lonely Guy

Comedy starring Steve Martin as Larry Hubbard, a struggling young writer whose world is turned upside down when he comes home and discovers his girlfriend in bed with another man.

2.10 Weatherview

2.15 BBC News

BBC 2

6.30 Natural World An Indian tigress.

7.30 Sign Zone

7.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys 2/6. Michael Portillo travels from Turin to Venice.

8.30 Africa 2013: Countdown to the Rains

3/3 The grazing animals spread out across the valley.

9.30 Africa the continents wildlife.

10.30 Earthflight

The landscape of Africa.

11.30 War and Peace

Historical epic based on the novel by Leo Tolstoy.

2.50 How the West Was Won

Epic western starring James Stewart, John Wayne and Gregory Peck. Heading west in the 1830s, New England farmer Zebulon Prescott and his family begin a mammoth journey.

5.15 Flog It!

At the National Museum Cardiff, Mark Stacey looks at a set of Swansea porcelain plates.

6.00 Celebrity Eggheads

Theatre stars Derek Jacobi, Frances Barber, Neil Dudgeon and Emma Fielding and director Emma Laird take on the general-knowledge champions.

6.30 The Choir: Sing While You Work 8/8 Series 2. Six months after their formation, Gareth Malone sets the three remaining choirs one final challenge. Each must create an interpretation of Paul Mealor's latest composition that reflects the character of their workplace, before performing it in the imposing transept of Ely Cathedral. A judging panel of three musicians, including Mealor will pick the winning choir.

7.30 Christmas University Challenge 5/10. Teams made up of graduates of St Hugh's College, Oxford and of the University of Stirling compete to secure a place in the semi-finals. Among the famous faces fielding questions from presenter Jeremy Paxman are Radio 3 presenter Suzy Klein and writer Rowan Pelling for St Hugh's, and Money Boxes Paul Lewis and MSP Richard Lochhead for Stirling.

8.00 Idris Elba: King of Speed

2/2. The Luther star explores the history of the rallying mini and gets to grips with the technology and skills needed to drive at a professional level. In Japan, Idris finds out how the underground driving craze of drifting began and became a fast-growing sport in Europe, and in Finland he is trained to pilot a car around a genuine rally course.

9.00 Ben and James versus the Arabian Desert

2/2. Four days into their expedition across the Arabian desert, James Cracknell, Ben Fogle and their grumpy camels are already behind schedule. When one of the chaps suffers a serious injury there is further delay, and their friendship is stretched to breaking point when they encounter sandstorms and boiling temperatures.

10.00 Cast Away

Adventure drama starring Tom Hanks. Helen Hunt and Nick Searcy. Work-aholic executive Chuck Noland is looking forward to spending Christmas with his girlfriend, but is sent abroad on an assignment at the last minute. When his plane crashes into the Pacific, Chuck is stranded alone on a remote, uninhabited island.

12.15 Ambassadors

1/3. Comedy following the exploits of two British diplomats stationed in the fictional central Asian country of Tazbekistan.

1.15 The Mummy Horror starring Peter Cushing. Despite warnings, a team of archaeologists enter the tomb of an Egyptian princess. Their nemesis arrives in the shape of a mummy - a devoted priest who was buried alive with the princess when she died.

2.40 Imagine...

Alan Yentob marks the 500th anniversary of Niccolò Machiavelli's controversial book, The Prince.

3.40 Waiting for Gaga: a-Culture Show Special

Miranda Sawyer spends time with Lady Gaga's devoted fans.

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6.00 CITV

8.25 Dinner Date

With Russell from Essex.

9.25 Murder, She Wrote

A shy ventriloquist is suspected of murdering a comedy club owner

10.25 Dickinson's Real Deal

Interesting items in Llandudno include a beautiful pocket watch.

11.25 Batteries not Included

Sci-fi fantasy starring Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy.

1.25pm ITV News Regional News; Weather

1.40 Step Up

Romantic drama starring Channing Tatum. A disaffected youth is sentenced to community service at a performing arts school.

3.45 The Chase

Four contestants work as a team to take on ruthless quiz genius the chaser.

4.45 Downton Abbey

The Crawleys are implicated in a scandal that goes so far as to threaten the monarchy.

6.35 Regional News weather

6.45 ITV News Weather

7.00 Emmerdale

Charity returns to delete the CCTV footage.

7.30 Coronation Street

Hayley waits nervously for the results of her scan.

8.00 You've Been Framed!

Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps, featuring cute kids and crazy animals.

8.30 Coronation Street

David is concerned when Kylie returns to No 8.

9.00 Vicious

Freddie and Stuart invite friends round for a Christmas Day celebration.

9.35 Bridget Jones's Diary

Romantic comedy starring Renée Zellweger, Bridget begins a new year by resolving to find love and give up her bad habits.

11.20 ITV News at Ten weather

11.35 The Cube

A childminder and a Londoner take up the challenge.

12.25 Jackpot247

Interactive gaming.

3.00 The Majestic

Romantic comedy drama starring Jim Carrey. A man in 1950s America falls victim to the communist witch-hunts.

5.30 Nightscreen

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6.40 According to Jim Double bill.

7.30 Will & Grace Double bill.

8.20 A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures

Animated adventure with the voice of Gemma Arterton. An old turtle tells the story of his 50-year search for the love of his life.

10.00 The Big Bang Theory

10.55 The Simpsons Double bill.

11.55 Aliens in the Attic

Fantasy adventure starring Carter Jenkins and Austin Butler:

1.35pm Doctor Dolittle

Fantasy comedy starring Eddie Murphy as San Francisco doctor John Dolittle, who has the ability to converse with animals,

3.15 Deal or No Deal

4.15-5.20 Come Dine with Me With Jona Lewie, Maizie Williams, VV Brown and Toby Anstis.

5.20 The Simpsons

That 90s Show. Homer reminisces about the grunge band he was in.

5.50 Hollyoaks

Freddie is forced to turn back to a life of crime.

6.20 Hollyoaks

A devastated Carmel struggles to comprehend Jim's words of wisdom.

6.50 Channel 4 News; Sport; Weather

7.00 4thought.tv How Christmas is perceived by those who do not celebrate it.

7.05 Gordon Ramsay's Home Cooking The chef is bubbling over with holiday spirit as he and his kids prepare some simple hot and spicy recipes, including Mexican eggs and hot noodle soup for lunch. And for dinner whole crispy roast duck followed by banana tarte Tatin.

8.00 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Actress Danniella Westbrook, choreographer Louie Spence, 1980s pop star Sinitta and Hugo Taylor from Made in Chelsea get into the party spirit in a festive celebrity special.

9.00 The Inbetweeners Movie

Comedy based on the popular TV series, starring Simon Bird, Joe Thomas, James Buckley and Blake Harrison. Four friends go on holiday to the Greek party town of Malia, where the potent mix of sun, booze and teenage hormones leads to trouble.

10.55 Queer as Pop: from the Gay Scene to the Mainstream

The story of how the political and social liberation of gay men influenced popular music, charting key events from the repealing of laws banning homosexuality through to the emergence of the disco era and the David Bowie-inspired new romantics.

11.55 Chic Live

Chic featuring Nile Rodgers play a set at London's Roundhouse during the 2013 iTunes Festival.

12.55am Kylie Minogue: Showgirl - Live at Earl's Court The Australian singer's 2005 show.

1.55 The Rocky Horror Picture Show Cult musical comedy starring Tim Curry and Susan Sarandon. A couple are forced to spend the night at a gothic mansion when their car breaks down.

3.35 90210

19/22 Series 5. Naomi attempts to make a good impression.

4.15 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun Searching for a holiday home in south Tenerife.

5.10 SuperScrippers Mrs Money Penny provides more cash-saving tips.

5.20-6.15am Deal or No Deal

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!

10.00 World's Strongest Man

The opening heat from China.

11.00 Eddie Stobart's Christmas Cracker

The truckers deliver a consignment of reindeer.

12.00 633 Squadron

Second World War action drama starring Cliff Robertson and George Chakiris.

1.50 Zulu Dawn

Historical drama starring Burt Lancaster and Peter O'Toole.

4.10 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Musical starring Dick Van Dyke. An inventor restores a clapped-out racing car with the help of his father and two children.

7.00 Eddie Stobart's Christmas Delivery

The company's truckers battle harsh winter conditions to ensure that shops around the country receive a full supply of Christmas trees.

Followed by **5 News Update**

8.00 World's Strongest Man

In the second heat from Haitang Bay in Sanya, China, England's Graham Hicks is among the competitors facing tough competition from the likes of Lithuania's Vytautas Lalas. The muscle-wrenching events include the keg toss and atlas stones.

Followed by **5 News Update**

9.00 Merry Christmas Mr Bean

A night of slapstick comedy begins with a vintage episode in which the accident prone misfit has an unfortunate incident with his turkey.

9.30 Do It Yourself Mr Bean

After beating the crowds to the January sales, the ham-fisted hero gets stuck into some decorating.

10.00 Tommy Cooper's Christmas

The fez-wearing comedian showcases his unique blend of trademark gags and magic tricks, demonstrating how to make a duck-egg omelette, play snooker with a sand wedge and ride an ostrich.

11.05 The Plank

Slapstick silent comedy. Two workman try to transport a wooden plank through a suburb of London to a building site.

12.15 SuperCasino Gaming.

3.05 Blackpool Lights

3/3. Alan prepares for a trip to Thailand.

3.50 Motorsport Mundial A round-up of motorsport news.

4.20 House Doctor

A five-bedroom house in Scraftoft, Leicester.

4.45 Great Artists

Flemish painter Pieter Bruegel the Elder

5.10 Nick's Quest

On the trail of the Orinoco crocodile.

5.35 Wildlife SOS

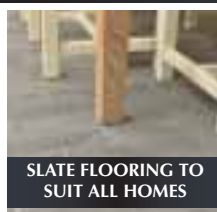
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Saturday, December 28th



FILM OF THE DAY

UP

6.50-8.15pm BBC1

Join crotchety old man Carl Fredrickson and can-do, guilts boy scout Russel, on a wondrous adventure when the formers house is airlifted via balloons to a lost world

Match of the Day

10.30pm BBC1

Join Gary Lineker and fellow football pundits for a look at the days football action



BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast Jon Kay and Sian Lloyd.

10.00 Saturday Kitchen

Actor Ian McShane faces his food heaven or hell.

11.30 Nigel Slater's New Year Suppers Sumptuous dishes from seasonal produce.

12.00 Football Focus

with Dan Walken

12.45 Saturday Sportsday

1.00 BBC News Regional News;

Weather

1.15 F1 2013: a Record Breaking Year Suzi Perry, Eddie Jordan and David Coulthard look back at the season, which was dominated by Sebastian Vettel.

2.15 Bargain Hunt Gloucestershire.

3.15 Call the Midwife

An unexploded bomb disturbs the Christmas celebrations in Poplar

4.30 Final Score

Presented by Jason Mohammad

5.10 BBC News Regional News;

Weather

5.30 Celebrity Mastermind

2/10. Television presenter Gail Porten

Red Dwarfs Danny John-Jules, food writer Prue Leith and BBC Breakfasts

Mike Bushell take to the Mastermind chair. Continues Monday 7pm.

6.00 Pointless Celebrities

A 1980s edition, featuring Colbys actresses Emma Samms and Stephanie Beacham, TV-am presenters Anne Diamond and Rustie Lee, and Five Star singers Denise Pearson and Stedman Pearson

6.50 Up

Oscar-winning animated adventure from Pixar. An elderly widower uses balloons to float his house to a South American

lost world to fulfil a lifelong dream of adventure.

8.15 Atlantis

13/13. Touched by the Gods 2/2. Jason needs all the help he can get if he and his friends are to save Ariadne's life. Fortunately there are few in Atlantis who remain loyal to the king. As the battle lines

are drawn, there is a shocking revelation that changes the course of the future.

Guest starring John Hannah.

9.00 Death Comes to Pemberley

3/3. The trial draws to a close and Wickham's fate looks sealed until a surprising suspect much closer to home is revealed. It becomes a race against time to prove the real culprit and save an innocent man from hanging.

10.00 The National Lottery Live

10.10 BBC News Weather

10.30 Match of the Day

Highlights include Norwich City v Manchester United and Cardiff City v Sunderland. Gary Lineker presents.

11.50 Rogue

Horror thriller starring Radha Mitchell, Michael Vartan and Sam Worthington. A river cruise in Australia takes a terrifying turn for the worse when a group of tourists is attacked by a man-eating crocodile.

1.30 Weatherview

1.35 BBC News

BBC 2

6.40 Natural World

A grizzly bear in Alaska prepares her two cubs to survive winter

7.40 Antiques Road Trip Double bill. Travelling to the Isle of Man, then the Peak District.

9.40 Africa

The creatures of east Africa.

10.40 Ice Princess

Ice skating comedy drama 'starring Joan Cusack and Kim Cattrall. A whizzkid student finds herself attracted to the sport.

12.10 Revenge of the Bridesmaids

Comedy starring Raven-Symoné and Joanna Garcia. Two girls plot to ruin a wedding from the inside.

1.35 The Accidental Husband Romantic comedy starring Uma Thurman and Colin Firth. A firefighter seeks revenge.

3.00 Ben and James versus the Arabian Desert

1/2. Ben Fogle and James Cracknell trek deep into the Rub' al Khali, or Empty Quarter of the Arabian desert.

4.00 Flog It!

Searching for antiques in Wiltshire.

5.00 The Guns of Navarone

Classic Second World War adventure, based on Alistair MacLean's bestseller

Buried deep in the solid rock of a cliff and impregnable to assault by plane or ship, the German guns on the Greek island of Navarone must be destroyed if the lives of thousands of British soldiers are to be saved. A crack team of commandos is assembled for this mission, and each member has a special and deadly talent.

7.30 Dad's Army

Turkey Dinner: Can Captain Mainwaring really be a sofite at heart? The struggling senior citizens of Walmington-on-Sea are about to find out.

8.00 100 Years of the Palladium

Sir Bruce Forsyth, Sir Cliff Richard, Michael Crawford and Andrew Lloyd Webber are among the many luminaries sharing their fond memories and backstage gossip about one of the world's most famous variety theatres, as part of the celebrations for the London Palladium's centenary in 2010.

9.00 I Am Number Four

Sci-fi action thriller starring Alex Pettyfer and Timothy Olyphant. John Smith lives as a seemingly ordinary teenager in Florida, but in reality he is an alien, one of nine children who escaped from the planet Lorien. The children are hunted by their enemy in a particular sequence: three have already died, and John is number four

10.40 Charlie Brooker's 2013 Wipe

A glance back at a year chock full of surprises, including meteors, cyclists on steroids, fake space monkeys, the Pope resigning, a new Pope, the death of Margaret Thatcher Miley Cyrus, twerking, a royal baby, Russell Brand on Newsnight and a US government shutdown. Charlie will be discussing these and much more with a selection of guests.

11.40 Ambassadors

2/3. The Prince's Trousers. In his capacity as trade envoy, minor royal Prince Mark of Bath arrives in Tazbekistan to help win a lucrative oil licence.

12.40 The Curse of Frankenstein Horror starring Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee. Condemned to death for a series of murders, Baron Frankenstein tries to convince his jailers that the crimes were not his but those of a strange half-human creature he created in his secret laboratory. (1951 12)

2.00 Killer Whales: beneath the Surface - Natural World

Research into the lives of the marine mammals.

3.00 The Silent War

2/2. How the underwater nuclear arms race nearly ended in disaster.

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6.00 CITV

9.25 News

9.30 The Home of Fabulous Cakes

A vintage-style three-tier wedding cake for 150 guests.

10.30 Murder, She Wrote

A mystery involving a dog, a diamond and a grudge.

11.30 ITV News Weather; Regional Weather

11.35 Dinner Date

with Dido from London.

12.35 Midsomer Murders

A nun is strangled to death at Midsomer Priory.

2.35 The One and Only Cilla Black

Paul O'Grady celebrates Cilla's 50-year career

4.05 Off Their Rockers

Hidden camera comedy series. A pensioner decides to audition for Britain's Got Talent, while mother learns what it means to be on Twitter

4.35 Paul O'Grady: for the Love of Dogs at Christmas

The comedian helps out at Battersea Dogs 81 Cats Home over the festive period. This year the home has been overwhelmed by puppies and Paul is introduced to a litter of 12 German shepherd-cross pups. He also meets a grumpy yorkshire terrier-cross with no teeth and a great dane that's underweight.

5.35 Regional News weather

5.45 ITV News Weather

6.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special

14/14 Series 3. Olympic gold medalist Rebecca Adlington, Daybreaks Kate Garraway, singer Ritchie Neville and chef Rosemary Shrager must outwit one of the resident experts to win money for their chosen charities. Bradley Walsh hosts.

7.00 All Star Family Fortunes

New series. 1/10. A Dancing on Ice team led by Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean take on Coronation Street actors for the chance to win up to £30,000 for their favourite charities. Host Vernon Kay asks the questions.

8.00 The Cube: Celebrity Special

Denise, Sherrie and Lisa from Loose Women face the pressure of the Cube to together while Olympian Greg Rutherford pulls out all the stops to see if he can match Mo Farah's record and scoop the jackpot.

9.00 The Jonathan Ross Show

Jonathan welcomes national treasure Sir David Attenborough, funnyman John Bishop, film star Ray Winstone and chef Jamie Oliver who will be cooking up a treat in the studio. There'll also be a rare TV performance from Susan Boyle.

10.15 ITV News Weather

10.30 The Holiday

Romantic comedy. After breaking up with her boyfriend, LA workaholic Amanda is in need of a holiday. An online search persuades her to exchange her California home over Christmas for the remote Surrey cottage of journalist Iris, who has just found out her ex is getting married. But the transatlantic swap soon leads to more romantic entanglements.

1.00 Jackpot247 Interactive gaming

3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA

More feuds and fights from the States.

3.40 Nightscreen Text information

Channel 4

6.15 Ramona and Beezus

Comedy starring Joey King and Selena Gomez. Nine-year-old Ramona Quimby is always getting into trouble. (2010, U)

8.00 The Morning Line

Racing previews.

9.00 The American Football Show

A round-up of the latest NFL matches.

10.00 Fraser Double bill.

11.00 The Big Bang Theory Double bill.

12.00 The Simpsons

Homer tells a romantic tale about Bonnie and Clyde on Valentine's Day.

12.30 The Simpsons

Bart finds a new partner in crime.

1.00 LIVE Racing

Starts from Cheltenham at 1.15, 1.50, 2.25 and at 3.00 the Welsh National. From Newbury Starts at 1.30 and 2.05. Nick Luck presents.

3.35 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Interior designer and TV presenter Linda Barker throws the first of four celebrity parties, sewing her own napkins for the occasion.

4.00 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Lee Ryan whips up a lobster bisque before presenting the other contestants with truffles, caviar and an exclusive Lee Ryan concert.

4.35 Celebrity Come Dine with Me It's Michelle Heaton's turn, but she's still feeling the after-effects of yesterday. Fortunately, Linda gets things going with some shots.

5.05 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Peter Stringfellow takes up the gauntlet on the final day of the culinary challenge, but things go from bad to worse in the kitchen.

5.40 Channel 4 News Sport; weather

5.55 4thought.tv

Not everyone celebrates Christmas. How does it look to others?

6.00 George Clarke's Amazing Christmas Spaces

The architect visits a man-made stalactite crystal grotto in Surrey and a holiday home made from a renovated Victorian flatpack tin chapel in Shropshire. He also catches up with Adam and his double-decker bus holiday home and celebrates Christmas at his tree house with Rew from the Land Rover cocktail ban.

7.00 The Italian Job

Comedy caper. When Charlie Croker is released from prison, he is soon up to no good. After securing the financial backing of crimelord Mr Bridger he puts into motion plans for a gold-bullion robbery that is to take place in Turin. But the Mafia have other ideas...

9.00 50 Funniest Moments of 2013

From Prince Harry on flying helicopters to Miley Cyrus blazing a trail on her wrecking ball, this compilation features a selection of 2013's most jaw-dropping moments. Comedians and celebrities remembering the year with affection and irreverence include Danny Dyer, Charlotte Crosby, Russell Kane and Helen Flanagan.

11.05 The Inbetweeners

5/6 Series 1. Can Jay convince the boys that a caravan club meeting is like a massive orgy?

11.35 The Inbetweeners

6/6 Series 1. Will takes his role as chairman of the Christmas prom committee seriously.

12.05 The Inbetweeners

5/6 Series 2. Will helps co-ordinate the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

12.35 The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo Crime thriller based on Stieg Larsson's best seller starring Michael Nyqvist and Noomi Rapace. Convicted of libel, investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist agrees to take on one last job before beginning his prison sentence. The assignment brings him into contact with troubled computer hacker Lisbeth Salander and as the pair join forces, he soon discovers she is battling demons of her own.

3.10 Hollyoaks

5.25 Suburgatory 18/22 Series 2. Noah goes to stay with George.

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig

6.05 Roary

6.15 Fifi

6.25 Bubble Guppies

6.35 Mr Men

6.50 Chloe's Closet

7.00 Roobarb and Custard

7.05 Bananas in Pyjamas

7.20 Noddy

7.30 City of Friends

7.45 Little Princess

8.00 Bottle Top Bill

8.15 Angelina Ballerina

8.35 Rupert Bear

8.50 Ben and Holly

9.00 Jelly Jam

9.20 LazyTown

9.45 Chinese Food In Minutes

Oriental cooking.

9.55 The Dog Rescuers

Kate Fletcher and Becky London make a shocking discovery.

10.25 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Musical 'fantasy starring Dick Van Dyke. An inventor restores a clapped-out racing car (1968, U)

1.15 Oklahoma!

Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical, starring Gordon MacRae, Shirley Jones and Rod Steiger. A man is consumed with jealousy when his date rejects his advances. (1955, U)

4.00 The Princess Bride

Fantasy adventure set in a medieval fairy-tale land, starring Cary Elwes, Mandy Patinkin and Chris Sarandon. A farm boy falls in love with his beautiful employer and, in order to marry her sets off to seek his fortune.

5.50 Michael Jackson's This Is It

Concert documentary from the director of High School Musical that follows auditions and rehearsals for the King of Pop's ill-fated series of London concerts.

8.00 World's Strongest Man

Terry Hollands, the man mountain from Kent, has his work cut out as he takes on 2011 champion Brian Shaw in classic tests of strength.

8.55 5 News

9.00 Abduction

Action thriller. While researching a school project, teenager Nathan and his friend Karen are struck by a picture they find on a missing-children website. After ageing the image, they make a startling discovery that will lead Nathan into a web of conspiracy and put his life in danger.

11.05 Superbad

Comedy starring Jonah Hill and Michael Cera as two boys bonded by their lack of popularity. When the pair finally get invited to a party, they try to procure alcohol in the hope that it will lay to rest their geeky reputation and improve their chances with the opposite sex.

1.25 SuperCasino Gaming.

4.00 My Depression Diaries

Kerry Katona The singer explores the causes of her bipolar disorder.

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Sunday, December 29th



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Pirates of the Caribbean: 8.00pm BBC1 On Stranger Tides

The legendary Captain Jack Sparrow returns in an effort to discover who has been impersonating him in an effort to find the Fountain of Youth.



An Audience with Bruce Forsyth

9.00pm C5

'Bruce', joined by stars including Matthew Pinsent, shows off his dance and song talents

BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast With Jon Kay and Sian Lloyd.

9.10 Match of the Day

10.30 Father of the Bride Part 2

Comedy starring Steve Martin and Diane Keaton.

12.15 MOTD2 Extra

Mark Chapman and the team discuss yesterday's football talking points.

1.00 BBC News

1.15 Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave

The animated duo get mixed up in sheep rustling.

1.45 Shrek: The Pig Who Cried Werewolf

Wolf moves next door to the Three Pigs and starts acting strangely.

1.55 Monsters vs Aliens

Animated sci-fi comedy featuring the voices of Reese Witherspoon and Seth Rogen.

3.20- That Puppet Game Show

With guests Richard Hammond and Orisye Williams.

4.00pm Comic Relief 2013: 100 Million Laughs

A look back at the charity event to raise money for disadvantaged people in the UK and Africa. Highlights include Cali the Midwife, EastEnders, MasterChef and Vicar of Dibley specials and the return of David Brent.

5.00 Songs of Praise

Bill Turnbull meets people who have been publicly honoured for their actions, introducing hymns and songs from around the UK, and guests including Matt Redman, who performs 10,000 Reasons.

5.35 BBC News

6.00 Countryfile

Ellie Harrison sees what's being done to bring some of our most endangered animals such as water voles and wildcats back from the brink. She also looks at plans to reintroduce big cats like the lynx and finds out more about the wild boar and beavers already in our countryside. With Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.00 Antiques Roadshow

A look back on the most talked about finds of the last 12 months with updates on a dozen star items and how one owner received some staggering news. A piece of furniture brought to a Scottish Roadshow once belonged to a Queen of England and resided at Hampton Court Palace, and an object valued at £5,000 12 years ago delivers the largest sale price of any object seen on the show. And did a vicar really buy a lost masterpiece for just £400 when he found a "Van Dyck" in a local antique shop?

8.00 Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides

Fantasy adventure sequel starring Johnny Depp and Penelope Cruz. Captain Jack Sparrow travels to London to find out who's impersonating him in an effort to recruit a crew to go on a quest to find the legendary Fountain of Youth. The blustering buccaneer is soon up to his neck in trouble, as he becomes embroiled in a race to find the fabled fountain between Blackbeard's daughter Angelica and his old adversary, Barbosa.

10.05 BBC News

10.30 Match of the Day 2

Premier League highlights with Chelsea v Liverpool, Newcastle v Arsenal, Everton v Southampton and Tottenham v Stoke. Presented by Mark Chapman.

11.50 The Football League Show Highlights from today's fixtures in the Championship League One and League Two, including Watford v QPR.

1.05 Weatherview

1.10 BBC News

BBC 2

6.10 Natural World

A look at the bond between animal mothers and their babies.

7.00 Antiques Road Trip Triple bill.

10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites James Martin presents highlights of the series.

11.30 The A to Z of TV Cooking

An alphabetical journey through dishes by TV chefs.

12.15pm EastEnders Omnibus.

3.15 Ben and James versus the Arabian Desert

2/2. The duo's friendship is stretched to breaking point when they encounter sandstorms.

4.15pm Flog It!

Mark Stacey and David Fletcher's items in Dorchester include a Clarice Cliff plate.

5.15 Force 10 from Navarone

Second World War drama starring Robert Shaw, Harrison Ford and Edward Fox. Sent on a mission to blow up a bridge essential to the German war effort, a crack squad of soldiers is hindered by information that has been leaked and the unit's leader begins to suspect that one of his men is a double agent.

7.15 Porridge

The Desperate Hours. Fletch gets a chance to be a hero when Reg tries to take Mr Barrowclough hostage in this classic Christmas special from 1976.

8.00 Morecambe and Wise: Curtains

2/2. The second of two compilations of highlights from the comedy duo's shows. Penelope Keith presents a celebration of those famous tan-coloured drapes that formed Eric and Ernie's backdrop and were deployed to great comic effect.

9.00 Michael Palin in Wyeth's World

The Monty Python star heads for rural Pennsylvania and Maine to examine the life and work of the popular and controversial US painter Andrew Wyeth, and then sets out to find the farmers, friends and family who are featured in his works. Before long, Michael builds a picture of an eccentric, enigmatic and driven artist.

10.00 QI

Stephen Fry hosts a festive edition, with Jo Brand, Phill Jupitus, Brendan O'Carroll and Alan Davies answering questions on the theme of Kris Kringle.

10.30 2013: Moments in Time

From the helicopter crash in London in January to the Bush fires in Tasmania and the Boston Marathon bombing, members of the public took some of the most striking pictures of 2013 with their mobile phones. This documentary presents some of those images.

11.30 TOTP2 Christmas Special

Mark Radcliffe presents festive favourites from the archive, including classics by John and Yoko, Slade, Wizard, Jona Lewie, Wham!, Paul McCartney and Mud, as well as a new performance by Boyzone.

1.00am Ambassadors

3/3. The Tazbek Spring. A party held at the residence to mark the President's platinum jubilee is disrupted by the sound of gunfire.

2.00 The Abominable Snowman

Horror starring Forrest Tucker and Peter Cushing. An adventurer and a botanist try to discover whether giant creatures, the legendary Yetis, exist in the Himalayas.

3.25 Sign Zone

3.25 Countryfile

The team enjoys a woodland Christmas at Westonbirt Arboretum in Gloucestershire.

4.20 Holby City

Mary-Claire's refusal to forgive Edward looks likely to threaten his happiness with Serena.

ITV 1

6.00 CITV

9.25 News

9.30 Storage Hoarders

10.30 Sunday Side Up

10/10. Celebrity guests and conversation, hosted by Stephen Mulhern.

11.30 Sunday Scoop

10/10. Kaye Adams and Nadia Sawalha present the entertainment show.

12.30 ITV News

12.35 Inside the National Trust

A ranger in the Lake District launches a rescue mission, while Michael Buerk learns about the art of charcoal making.

1.35 Midsomer Murders

An ornithological society president is killed after a dispute.

3.35 Love Your Garden

Alan Titchmarsh sorts out an unruly patch in Norwich.

4.35 Just Henry

One-off drama set in post-Second World War Britain, based on the novel by Michelle Magorian, the writer of Goodnight Mister Tom. Henry's life has not been easy. Having lost his father in the Second World War and seen his mother remarry soon after the youngster has become troubled, suffering nightmares and taking no interest in his education. When his father's posthumous medal for bravery arrives in the post, he decides to go searching for answers about his parent's death.

6.35 Regional News

6.45 ITV News

7.00 Christmas Catchphrase

Stephen Mulhern hosts a special edition of the game show, challenging Carol Vorderman, Michael Ball and Michelle Collins to "see it and say it" as they bid to win thousands of pounds for charity.

8.00 Agatha Christie's Marple

Endless Night. Julia McKenzie returns as the sleuth in this one-off episode. While staying with a recently widowed friend, Miss Marple makes the acquaintance of the charming young drifter Mike Rogers. However, events take a sinister turn when Mike and his new wife Ellie move into the cursed Gipsy's Acre, and a killer strikes - one so dangerous that even Miss Marple herself could be at risk.

10.00 ITV News at Ten

10.15 The Break-Up

Relationship comedy drama starring Jennifer Aniston and Vince Vaughn. Brooke Meyers and Gary Grobowski face a sea of emotional problems. Not only have they reached the end of their romantic road, but they currently have no choice but to continue living together in their Chicago apartment.

12.10 Rugby Union

Highlights from the weekend's Premiership fixtures.

1.10 The Store Home shopping.

2.55 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA

Controversy rages as the host takes his show stateside.

3.40 Nightscreen Text information.

5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel 4

5.50 The Treacle People

A flu outbreak.

6.00 The American Football Show

6.55 Boo, Zino and the Snurks Animated fantasy with the voices of Patrick Stewart and Emily Watson.

8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond

9.00 Frasier

9.30 Sunday Brunch With guests Blue and Sam & Mark, and music by Andy Burrows. Last in series.

12.30 The Big Bang Theory

1.00 The Simpsons

Homer goes on a diet.

1.30 Inkheart

Fantasy adventure starring Brenda Fraser and Paul Bettany.

3.30 Channel 4 News

3.50 4thought.tv

Public opinions of Christmas.

3.55 Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events

Fantasy comedy adventure based on the first three titles in the bestselling children's book series. After their parents die in a fire, three young siblings are entrusted to the care of their distant relative, the evil Count Olaf.

6.00 Celebrity Come Dine with Me

Danniella Westbrook, Louie Spence, Sinitta and Hugo Taylor get into the party spirit in a festive special.

7.00 Bear's Wild Weekend

with Stephen Fry Stephen Fry ventures out of his comfort zone on an expedition with Bear Grylls. High in the Italian Dolomites, Stephen travels on the skids of a helicopter, climbs down a 500-foot waterfall and abseils down a cliff face.

8.00 Speed with Guy Martin

New series. 1/4. Motorcycle racer Guy Martin loves to push the boundaries of speed. In this series he creates four challenges, aiming to explore the limits of physics and learn about the science of speed. Here, he uses slipstreaming in an effort to break the British record for speed on a bicycle. By modifying a racing lorry, he hopes to create a large enough slipstream to cycle in.

9.00 Eight out of Ten Cats

Sean Lock and Jon Richardson are joined by Alan Davies, Henning Wehn, Holly Willoughby and Nick Helm, plus guests Nick Helm and Joe Wilkinson.

10.00 Rude Tube's Christmas Cracker A countdown of festive internet hits, including lazy fairy lights and Santa's machine-gun grotto.

11.05 Mashed

The big events of the year are subjected to media mash-ups by animators, musicians, visual artists and performers including Dan Bull, Cassetteboy and John Boswell. Presented by Rich Fulcher.

11.40 The Inbetweeners

6/6 Series 2. End of Term. Will becomes stressed about the fast-approaching exams.

12.10 The Inbetweeners

1/6 Series 3. The Fashion Show. Carl organises a charity fashion show.

12.40 The Inbetweeners

2/6. The Gig and the Girlfriend. Simon tries to impress a girl in the year below.

1.10 American Football Live

Action from a match in the NFL, as the race to the play-offs continues.

4.45 Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind

What it takes to be a successful harness racer.

4.50 Countdown

With Richard Maceley.

5.35 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard

The patissier demonstrates recipes.

Channel 5

4.50 Milkshake! Roary

5.00 Angels of Jarm

5.10 Hana's Helpline

5.20 Angels of Jarm

5.30 Funky Valley Show

5.40 Roary

5.50 Hana's Helpline

6.00 Peppa Pig

6.05 Roary 6.15 Fifi

6.25 Bubble Guppies

6.40 Mr Men

6.50 Chloe's Closet

7.00 Roobarb and Custard

7.10 Bananas In Pyjamas

7.20 Noddy 7.30 Little Princess

7.45 Bottle Top Bill

8.00 Angelina Ballerina

8.15 Rupert Bear

8.30 Ben and Holly

8.50 Jelly Jamm

9.20 LazyTown 9.45 Olly

9.55 Inside Hollywood Magazine show.

10.00 The Dog Rescuers

An underweight dalmatian in need of veterinary treatment.

10.25 World's Strongest Man

The second heat from Haitang Bay in Sanya, China.

11.25 World's Strongest Man

The third heat in China.

12.25 Eddie Stobart:

Trucks and Trailers

A new aeroplane de-icer is put to the test.

1.30 21

Drama with Kevin Spacey. A maths professor pulls a student into a casino scam.

3.45pm Yanks

Second World War romantic drama. Love blossoms between US soldiers stationed in Lancashire awaiting D-Day and local women.

6.20 Snow White

Retelling of the classic fairy tale. Beautiful princess Snow White has a fateful enemy - her wicked stepmother Elspeth.

7.55 5 News

8.00 World's Strongest Man

Mark Felix is hoping to gain one of the four remaining places in the final. Before he gets there, he has to compete in events such as the loading race and truck pull, against reigning champion Zydrunas Savickas.

9.00 An Audience with Bruce Forsyth

In this vintage display by the enduring entertainer from 1997, Bruce shows off his song and dance talents as he is joined by stars including Ian Wright, Jimmy Hill and Matthew Pinsent.

10.05 Bruce Forsyth's Comedy Heroes

The veteran funnyman pays tribute to his influences and idols, which include music hall legend Max Miller silver-screen icons Laurel and Hardy and old friend Sammy Davis Jr.

11.05 Shirley Valentine

Comedy written by Willy Russell. Liverpool housewife Shirley leads a domestic existence of routine dullness. What she needs is a holiday: a place where she can fall in love with life.

1.15am SuperCasino Live gaming.

3.05 Louis Smith: Living with ADHD

Documentary exploring how the condition affects the gymnast's life.

3.55 Wildlife SOS

Following the work of an animal sanctuary.

4.20-4.50am Make It Big

The team visit their chosen venue.



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FESTIVE TELEVISION

Monday, December 30th



FILM OF THE DAY

Quantum of Solace

8.30pm ITV1

Daniel Craig returns in his second performance as British spy James Bond. 007 battles wealthy businessman Dominic Greene member of the Quantum organisation, whilst also seeking revenge for the death of his lover, Vesper Lynd.



Shrek Forever After

7.30pm BBC1

A bored and domesticated Shrek makes a deal with Rumpelstiltskin to get back to feeling like a real ogre again.

BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast

Susanna Reid, Bill Turnbull.

9.10 Bridge to Terabithia

Family fantasy. Two youngsters create an imaginary kingdom.

10.40 Sky High

Fantasy adventure. The son of two superheroes starts high school.

12.15pm Bargain Hunt East Sussex.

1.00 BBC News Weather;

Regional News

1.20 The One Show: Best of 2013

Presented by Matt Baken Alex Jones and Chris Evans.

1.50 A Question of Sport

Seasonal edition of the quiz show.

2.20 Wallace & Gromit:

A Grand Day Out

The two friends take a trip to the Moon.

2.45 WALL-E

Animated sci-fi comedy. A lonely robot falls in love.

4.15 Mary Poppins

Disney musical comedy starring Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke. London banker George Banks's search for a no-nonsense nanny to take care of his two children comes unstuck when Mary Poppins glides into their lives.

6.30 BBC News

Weather; Regional News; Weather

7.00 Celebrity Mastermind

3/10. Formula One commentator James Allen, actor David Bradley, Hebburn star Chris Ramsey and Shobu Kapoor from Citizen Khan show their knowledge of Roald Dahl, Max Wall, The Sopranos and Jack Kerouac's On the Road.

7.30 Shrek Forever After

Animated fantasy comedy. Bored with domesticity, Shrek makes a deal with Rumpelstiltskin that will allow him to return to something like his old life. Things don't go to plan, however when Shrek finds himself in a land where ogres are hunted and he and Princess Fiona have never met.

9.00 EastEnders

Linda is surprised when Shirley stands up for her. Mick receives an unnerving invitation in the post.

9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys

2/2. Who's a Pretty Mammy? Despite his parents' wishes, Mammy wants to make sure grandson Bono doesn't go to the local primary school, in the second of two festive episodes.

10.10 BBC News

Regional News; Weather

10.30 Comic Relief 2013:

100 Million Laughs

A look back at the charity event to raise money for disadvantaged people in the UK and Africa. Highlights included Call the Midwife and Vicar of Dibley specials.

11.30 BBC News: the Editors

World affairs editor John Simpson, political editor Nick Robinson, home editor Mark Easton and contributing editor Bridget Kendall discuss the year's big stories.

12.00 Disgrace

Drama based on the Booker Prize-winning novel by JM Coetzee and starring John Malovich. Post-apartheid South Africa: an English professor is dismissed from his job after seducing a student and goes to live with his daughter. But it isn't long before the changing politics of the nation comes to haunt him.

1.50 Weatherview

1.55 BBC News

BBC 2

6.30 Natural World

The Komodo dragon.

7.30 Sign Zone

7.30 The House That £100k Built

6/6. A home in rural Devon.

8.30 Britain's Empty Homes

A six-bedroom house in north London.

9.00 Africa

David Attenborough looks at the varied creatures of the Congo rainforest, including the picathartes bird.

10.00 Earthflight

Bird's-eye view of Europe.

11.00 Great British Bake Off

1/10 Series 4. Amateur cooks compete in a variety of challenges.

12.00 2/10. Three bread-making tasks.

1.00 Antiques Road Trip

James Lewis and James Braxton begin a new journey.

2.00 Ice Station Zebra

Alistair MacLean's Arctic adventure, starring Rock Hudson. A polar outpost is dragged into the Cold War.

4.20 Attenborough and the Giant Egg David Attenborough returns to Madagascar to see how it has changed in the 50 years since his first visit.

5.20 Flog It!

Paul Martin visits London Zoo.

6.00 Celebrity Eggheads

Former EastEnders actors Derek Martin, Carol Harrison, Shobu Kapoor, Dave Spinx and Jane how compete against the Eggheads.

6.30 The Secret Life of Mary Poppins: a Culture Show Special

To coincide with the release of Saving Mr Banks, a film about the making of Mary Poppins, Victoria Coren Mitchell explores the life of PL Travers, the author of the books on which the 1964 movie was based.

7.30 Dad's Army

For the Love of Three Oranges.

Mainwaring bids against Pike for an orange at a bazaar.

8.00 Christmas University Challenge

6/10. Teams from the University of Leicester and the University of Sussex include Sue Cook and Alice Arnold.

8.30 Sacred Wonders of Britain

New series. 1/3. Neil Oliver investigates the hallowed sites of ancient Britain. He begins by examining the very first stirrings of religion, visiting Nottinghamshire to view clues to a world of magic and ritual etched into the rock of Creswell Crags by Ice Age hunters, while tombs in the south of England and the Scottish Borders provide evidence of ancestor worship among the farmers of the Neolithic age.

9.30 The Thirteenth Tale

Psychological thriller adapted by Christopher Hampton from Diane Setterfield bestselling novel. A biographer (Olivia Colman) is forced to confront her own past while interviewing a terminally ill writer.

11.00 Mel Smith: I've Sort of Done Things

A celebration of the life and career of the actor, writer and director, who died in July at the age of 60. With contributions by Griff Rhys Jones, John Lloyd and Richard Curtis.

12.00 Respect: a Felix Dexter Special A tribute to the comedian, who died in October.

12.30 Good Hair

Documentary. Black stand-up comic Chris Rock investigates the billion-dollar hair products industry that does much to influence how African-American women see themselves.

2.05 Sign Zone

2.05 Imagine... Profile of Jimi Hendrix.

ITV 1

6.00 Daybreak

8.30 Lorraine

9.25 Murder, She Wrote

Jessica hears a shocking allegation about her late husband.

10.25 Dickinson's Real Deal

David Dickinson and the team scrutinise antiques in Bury.

11.25 The Railway Children

Classic period drama based on the novel by E Nesbit, starring Jenny Agutter and Sally Thomsett.

1.35 ITV News Regional News;

Weather

1.50 Dinner Date

Gerry from Essex.

2.50-3.50 Christmas Catchphrase

Guests Carol Vorderman, Michael Ball and Michelle Collins compete.

3.50 Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed

Mystery comedy adventure sequel starring Matthew Lillard, Freddie Prinze Jr Sarah Michelle Gellar and Linda Cardellini. When a masked villain wrecks the Coolsonian Criminology Museum, the Mystery Inc team look set to lose their unblemished reputation.

5.35 You've Been Framed!

Harry Hill narrates a selection of clips filmed by viewers, featuring celebrity lookalikes, including Simon Cowell and Ryan Giggs.

6.00 Aussie Animal Island

5/6. Manny Goes Missing. It's now four months since scientists released 15 Tasmanian devils, and with breeding season drawing near traps are set so the animals can be caught and each can be examined to ensure they're ready to mate.

6.30 Regional News weather

6.45 ITV News Weather

7.00 Emmerdale

With Megan in a coma, Charity visits Sam to find out what he might have revealed to the police.

7.30 Coronation Street

Peter punches his brother-in-law Rob after he makes an innocent comment about Tina.

8.30 Quantum of Solace

Spy adventure starring Daniel Craig. Following betrayal by his lover, secret agent James Bond embarks upon a globe-trotting mission to discover the truth. Soon, 007 comes into contact with the shadowy Quantum organisation, whose intentions are decidedly sinister.

10.30 ITV News

Weather; Regional Weather

10.45 The Game

Psychological thriller Tycoon Nicholas Van Orton's highly ordered life is thrown into chaos when his brother Conrad introduces him to a cryptic role-playing game as a birthday gift. As Nicholas is drawn into the game, the line between fantasy and real life becomes blurred - with deadly consequences.

1.05 Jackpot247

Interactive gaming

3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA

3.45 Nightscreen Text information.

5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show Another

round of verbal fisticuffs.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People

Festive special.

6.20 According to Jim

7.35 See Spot Run

Comedy starring David Arquette An FBI superdog becomes a target for the Mob. 9.20 How I Met Your Mother 10.20 The Big Bang Theory Double bill.

11.20 The Simpsons Double bill.

12.20pm Space Chimps Animated comedy adventure. A chimpanzee is sent into space to save the inhabitants of a distant planet.

2.00 Coraline

Animated fantasy featuring the voice of Dakota Fanning. A girl finds a hidden door that leads to a parallel world.

4.00-5.00 Deal or No Deal

5.00pm Celebrity Come Dine with Me Will Janice Dickinson, Calum Best, Sam Fox and Jeff Brazier prove a combustible combination over four nights of dinner parties?

6.00 Hollyoaks

Fraser learns about Freddie's underhand tactics.

6.30 Hollyoaks

Robbie and Finn make a disastrous bet.

7.00 Channel 4 News; Sport; Weather

7.05 Gok Does Panto

The fashion expert has three weeks to prepare to fulfil his lifelong dream of being a stage star. With fellow cast members Stephanie Beacham, John Partridge and Gary Wilmot alongside him, he learns to sing and master the art of flying on a wire in rehearsals for Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the Birmingham Hippodrome.

8.00 Jamie's Festive Feast

To celebrate the end of the year the chef prepares his favourite winter foods, including oozy cheesy pasta and bloody mary beef, as well as treats like breakfast waffles with hot chocolate and fiesta tacos. He also has some ideas for party foods, such as build-your-own pork kebabs and a Kerala fish curry.

9.00 Doggy Styling

Every year in Hershey, Pennsylvania, fiercely competitive dog groomers gather at the world's largest grooming event. Until now, the competition has been dominated by Americans, but British dog-lover Su Eld-Weaver and her poodle Dobby have travelled to the USA in a bid to be the first British winners.

10.00 Twit of the Year

Leading comedians and prolific celebrity tweeters review the social-media misdemeanours, meltdowns, gaffes and triumphs that got the nation talking in 2013.

11.30 C4's 30 Greatest Comedy Shows

A countdown of some of the most memorable British comedy series shown on Channel 4, featuring the likes of The Comic Strip Presents... Drop the Dead Donkey and The Inbetweeners.

1.25am Vampires Suck

Comedy spoof of the Twilight films, starring Matt Lanter and Jenn Proske. Sheriff's daughter Becca finds herself attracted to two boys, but she fails to notice either of their bizarre and worrying personality traits.

2.50 Nashville

21/21 Series 1. Deacon goes off the rails.

3.30 90210

20/22 Series 5. Jordan tries to help Mark.

4.15 Suburgatory

19/22 Series 2. George becomes obsessed with his body image.

4.35 Suburgatory

20/22. George asks Dallas to move in with him.

5.55 Countdown

5.40 SuperScribers

Channel 5

4.50Milkshake!

9.50 Inside Hollywood

9.55 The Dog Rescuers

A mistreated staffie.

10.25 Britain's Craziest Christmas Lights

Dave and Carol put up their display.

11.25 World's Strongest Man

The fourth heat from Haitang Bay in Sanya, China.

12.25pm Eddle Stobart:

Trucks and Trailers

Mark faces adverse weather conditions.

1.25 Winter Road Rescue

A woman and her mother are stuck in snow on an isolated moor.

2.25 The Alamo

Historical western. A band of Texans defend a Spanish mission.

5.10pm The Four Feathers

Period war adventure starring Heath Ledger in 1888, Harry Faversham, a young officer in the British Army, resigns his commission. Branded a coward, Faversham sets out on a dangerous undercover mission to clear his name and win back his fiancée.

7.30 Eddie Stobart:

12 Days of Christmas

A chance to catch up with some of the best moments from the series as the logistics firm's truckers battle the elements and the traffic as they try to meet their last-minute deadlines.

8.30 World's Strongest Man

Britain's Eddie Hall and Lloyd Renals will be targeting debut appearances in the final as they tackle a series of immense weights - but do the Englishmen have what it takes to get past WSM stalwarts Mike Jenkins and Misha Koklyaev?

9.30 Dirty Dancing

Romantic drama starring Jennifer Grey and Patrick Swayze. In the summer of 1963 teenager Frances "Baby" Houseman arrives at a mountain resort hotel. Bored by family games, she meets dance instructor Johnny Castle, who teaches her the art of "dirty dancing".

11.35 Jesus Christ Superstar

A contemporary reinterpretation of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's rock musical portraying the last seven days in Christ's life, as seen through the eyes of Judas

1.50am SuperCasino Gaming

3.55 My Post-Baby Breakdown:

Jennifer Ellison

The TV personality discusses post-natal depression.

4.45 Great Artists

Renaissance painter El Greco's work.

5.10 Nick's Quest

Assessing the toll of the trade in ivory.

5.35Wildlife SOS

The work of an animal sanctuary.

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FESTIVE TELEVISION

Tuesday, December 31st



FILM OF THE DAY

The Chronicles of Narnia: 1.20pm BBC1 Prince Caspian

The four Pevensie children return to Narnia to aid Prince Caspian in his struggle for the throne against his corrupt uncle, King Miraz.

Gary Barlow's Big Ben Bash

11.15pm BBC1

Live from Central Hall in Westminster, the singer rounds off 2013, performing Take That favourites



BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast

Susanna Reid, Bill Turnbull.

9.10 Bee Movie

Animated comedy with the voice of Jerry Seinfeld. A rebel bee sues humankind for stealing honey.

10.30 Beverly Hills Chihuahua

Fantasy comedy starring Piper Perabo. A pampered pooch gets lost on holiday in Mexico.

12.00 Bargain Hunt

In Newark.

1.00 BBC News

Weather: Regional News

1.20 The Chronicles of Narnia:

Prince Caspian

Fantasy adventure sequel starring Ben Barnes. The Pevensie children are summoned back to Narnia.

3.35 Kung Fu Panda:

Secrets of the Furious five

Animated semi-sequel to the film.

4.00 How to Train Your Dragon

Animated adventure featuring the voices of Jay Baruchel, Gerard Butler and America Ferrera. A teenage Viking boy forms a special bond with a dragon.

5.30 Top of the Pops New Year

Fearne Cotton and Reggie Yates review the year in music, featuring performances by Little Mix, James Arthun the Vamps, London Grammar and John Newman, among others.

6.30 BBC News

Regional News; Weather

7.00 Celebrity Mastermind

4/10. Josh Widdicombe, Katharine Merry, Sian Reese-Williams and Nick Baker answer questions on Blun Aston Villa FC, TV comedy Black Books and naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace.

7.30 EastEnders

The Vic hosts a New Year's Eve party and Carl invites Roxy to Paris.

8.00 Holby City

Ring in the New

Zosia wins the battle of wills with Guy. Serena hits an all-time low.

9.00 Two Doors Down

One-off TV adaptation of Radio 4's sitcom about the Bohemian residents of a road in Belfast. Family, friends and neighbours descend on Beth and Eric, ruining their Hogmanay.

10.00 BBC News

10.15 The Graham Norton Show

Graham hosts a star-studded special with the stars of Anchorman 2, the Monty Python team, comedian Frank Skinner and sisters Joan and Jackie Collins, plus music by Michael Bublé.

Followed by National Lottery Update

11.15 Gary Barlow's Big Ben Bash

The singer rounds off the year with a live gig at the Central Hall in Westminster performing Take That favourites.

11.55 New Year's Eve Fireworks

London says its goodbyes to the old year welcoming in the new to the unmistakable chimes of Big Ben and a spectacular firework display over the Thames.

12.10am Gary Barlow's Big Ben Bash

The Take That man plays his fist gig of 2014.

12.30 John Bishop Live:

Rollercoaster Tour

The comedian performs his 2012 show in Manchester.

1.50 Kevin & Perry Go Large

Comedy starring Harry Enfield and Kathy Burke. The stropky teenagers run amok in Ibiza.

BBC 2

6.25 Natural World

Rare silky sifaka lemurs.

7.25 Short Circuit

Fantasy comedy starring Ally Sheedy and Steve Guttenberg. A robot springs to life and goes AWOL.

9.00 Africa

Butterflies dancing for the right to mate and green turtles emerging from eggs.

10.00 Earthlight

South America in the air.

11.00 The Great British Bake Off

3/10. The contenders dessert-making skills are tested.

12.00 The Great British Bake Off

4/10. Making pies and tarts.

1.00pm Antiques Road Trip

James Braxton and James Lewis visit Jersey and Kent.

2.00 First Knight

Adventure starring Sean Connery and Richard Gere. King Arthur's peaceful Camelot kingdom is plagued by a villainous prince.

4.05pm The Queen's Palaces

Fiona Bruce explores the Palace of Holyroodhouse and some of the artefacts that evoke its history.

5.05 Flog It!

Paul Martin and the team visit Oldham with experts Anita Manning and Kate Bliss.

6.00 Celebrity Eggheads

Alistair Appleton, Simon O'Brien, Laura Hamilton, Ed Hall and Angus Purden take on the general-knowledge champions.

6.30 Blackpool: Big Night Out

A nostalgic look at the significant role played by the glitzy seaside resort in the history of entertainment, recalling its heyday as a mecca for stars including Frank Sinatra and Morecambe and Wise.

7.30 Christmas University Challenge

7/10. The last of the first-round heats sees King's College London take on Southampton for a place in the semi-finals, with comedian Rory Bremner and novelist Susan Hill among the contestants.

8.00 Nature's Weirdest Events

1/3 Series 3. Chris Packham explains the most bizarre if occurrences in nature, using eyewitness footage, first-hand accounts and expert scientific insights. Tonight, we see deer commuting on the Moscow metro, killer sharks on an Australian golf course, a town taken over by tumbleweed, and a frog that shoots bones through its skin.

9.00 Tudor Monastery Farm Christmas

Ruth Goodman, Tom Pinfold and Peter Ginn take up falconry, archery and the bagpipes as they turn the clock back 500 years to reveal how the farms of Tudor England celebrated the festive season. All work stopped on Christmas Eve for 12 days of revelry and feasting, the culmination of which was a frenzy of music, food and alcohol on Twelfth Night when a dried pea secreted in a cake - the precursor to the sixpence in a Christmas pudding - denoted who would be the "Lord of Misrule" for the night.

10.00 Mock the Week

A Christmas edition of the comedy quiz, featuring festive films, out-takes from the last series and a wrapping masterclass from host Dara O Briain.

10.30 Dara O Briain - Craic Dealer

The Irish funnyman goes back to his stand-up roots as he performs a set at the Edinburgh Playhouse.

11.30 Jools's Annual Hootenanny

Jools Holland rings in the new year with his musical extravaganza. Ray Davies of the Kinks performs three of the band's classic sing-along numbers with Jools and his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra, and east London's Rudimental are joined by Ella Eyre and Emeli Sandé as they showcase three tracks from their bestselling debut LP Home. There are also performances from the likes of Charlie Wilson of Gap Band fame, Laura Mvula, Lisa Stansfield, John Newman, Haim, Melanie C, the Proclaimers, Ruby Turnen the Lumineers, Madness saxophonist Lee Thompson and the pipes and drums of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards.

1.30 Glastonbury Highlights

Featuring Arctic Monkeys and the Rolling Stones.

ITV 1

6.00 Daybreak

News and entertainment.

8.30 Lorraine

Star guests, gossip and fashion.

9.25 Scooby-Doo and the Alien Invaders

Animated adventure, in which Scooby-Doo and the gang break down in the desert and discover that the nearest town is being visited by aliens.

11.00 Dickinson's Real Deal

David Dickinson and the team visit Tatton Park in Cheshire.

12.00 All Star Family Fortunes

Gino D'Acampo and Michelle Keegan compete for charity.

12.45 ITV News

1.05 The 'Burbis

Satirical comedy of suburban paranoia starring Tom Hanks as a man who thinks that his neighbours are up to no good.

3.00 The Cube: Celebrity Special

Greg Rutherford competes.

4.00 The Nation's Favourite

Dance Moment

A countdown of the top 20 dance routines chosen by viewers, featuring sequences from films such as Saturday Night Fever and videos like Thriller.

5.30 Off Their Rockers

Hidden-camera show. Pranks include a pensioner causing chaos while trying to park her mobility scooter between two cars.

6.00 You've Been Framed!

Another selection of comic mishaps filmed by viewers. As ever, narrator Harry Hill adds his wry comments to the action.

6.30 Regional News

weather

6.45 ITV News

7.00 Emmerdale

The police are instantly suspicious when they see footage of Sam at Home Farm, while Moira prepares for her romantic night away with Cain and the fancy-dress parties get under way.

1.30 Aussie Animal Island

6/6. Devil Dynasty. The future looks bright for the Tasmanian devils on Maria Island as all eight females prepare to have joeys, much to the delight of the scientific team.

8.00 Mamma Mia!

Musical romantic comedy featuring the music of Abba, and starring Meryl Streep, Colin Firth and Pierce Brosnan. On an idyllic Greek island, young Sophie Sheridan prepares to marry the man of her dreams. But a problem looks set to blight the big day as the bride doesn't know who her father is. So Sophie sends out invitations to three men who might fit the bill, hoping to solve the riddle once her guests arrive.

10.10 ITV News

10.15 2013: a Funny Old Year

Jason Manford hosts a comedic celebration of the highs and lows of the past 12 months. The Mancunian funnyman offers his personal slant on the most memorable TV and sporting moments, as well as the gaffes, feuds and trends that made 2013 unforgettable.

11.15 Vicious

A one-off episode of the comedy starring Ian McKellen and Derek Jacobi. Freddie and Stuart invite friends round to celebrate Christmas Day.

11.45 ITV News

Weather: New Year Bonks

12.05am Waterworld

Futuristic adventure with Kevin Costner and Dennis Hopper. The icecaps have melted causing the world to be flooded. The Mariner, a loner, is rescued by Helen and Enola at the Atoll, a settlement made out of scrap. However, the trio are pursued by the evil Smokers, as Enola man' hold the key to finding the mythical Dryland.

2.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA

3.00 Nightscreen

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5.05-6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

More fiery fallings-out in the studio.

Channel 4

6.00 According to Jim

6.30 Will & Grace Double bill.

7.20 Little Manhattan

Romantic comedy with Josh Hutcherson. Eleven-year-old Gabe falls for a girl from his karate class.

8.50 How I Met Your Mother

9.45 The Big Bang Theory Double bill.

10.50 The Simpsons

Double bill.

11.50 Imagine That

Comedy fantasy starring Eddie Murphy and Thomas Haden Church. A work-obsessed father is introduced to his daughter's imaginary friends.

1.55 Home Alone 3

Comedy starring Alex D Linz. A youngster fends off four industrial spies targeting his home.

4.00pm Deal or No Deal

Noel Edmonds hosts the show.

5.00 Celebrity Come Dine with Me:

Footballers Special

Neil Ruddock, John Fashanu, Carlton Palmer and Frank Worthington take the dinner-party challenge, where treats include an Elvis-themed evening, a jelly fight and a bizarre masked buffet.

6.00 The Simpsons

Mona Leaves-a. Homer's activist mum, guest star Glenn Close, visits the family.

6.25 Hollyoaks

John Paul spots a drug-addled Finn climbing the village's arch and Tilly faces a relationship dilemma.

6.55 Channel 4 News Summary

7.00 Deal or No Deal: Christmas Stars

A community support officer gets a surprise visit from Noel and is invited to the Dream Factory.

8.00 Celebrity Fifteen to One

Jo Brand, Jonathan Ross, Fern Britton, Dr Dawn Harper, Alex Brooker, Eamonn Holmes, Konnie Huq and Stephen Mangan are among the famous faces battling it out in a special edition of the elimination quiz. Adam Hills hosts.

9.00 Alan Carr's New Year

Speccatular

The comedian introduces fun and games and welcomes guests in various guises to ring in the new year. James Corden, Keith Lemon, Ben Cohen and Abbey Clancy all feature, and there's music from Tinie Tempah and Katy B.

11.05 50 Funniest Moments 2013

From Prince Harry on flying helicopters to Miley Cyrus blazing a trail on her wrecking ball, here's a selection of 2013's most jaw-dropping moments. Guests including Danny Dyer, Charlotte Crosby, Russell Kane and Helen Flanagan are among those contributing their thoughts on events.

1.05am Toast of London 1/6. Comedy following the life of an actor with a chequered past, with Matt Berry. Steven Toast discovers he has won an award.

1.30 2/6. Steven is excited to win a part in a new play, but his arch-enemy Ray also has a starring role.

2.00 3/6. Steven accepts the lead part in a new film being made by an Arab billionaire.

2.25 4/6. Steven tries to make a good impression when he meets his new girlfriend's aristocratic father.

2.50 5/6. Tired of his acting work, Steven hires a new agent and tries his hand at a different career.

3.20 6/6. Steven is pursued by musical superstar and part-time enforcer Michael Ball.

3.45 Deal or No Deal: Ideal Christmas

Noel Edmonds hosts a festive-themed edition.

4.40 Countdown

5.20 90210

21/22 Series 5. Teddy joins in the search for Michaela.

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!

Bananas In Pyjamas

6.10 Igam Ogam

6.25 Fireman Sam

6.35 The WotWots

6.45 Peppa Pig

6.50 Milkshake! Bop Box

6.55 Milkshake! Monkey

7.00 Little Princess

7.10 Ben and Holly

7.20 The Mr Men Show

7.35 Thomas & Friends

7.50 Noddy In Toyland

8.00 Fifi

8.10 Peppa Pig

8.25 Toby's Travelling Circus

8.40 Bananas In Pyjamas

9.00 Ticket To

9.20 Bert and Ernie

9.25 Roary

9.40 Inside Hollywood Magazine show.

9.45 The Dog Rescuers

A dog is taken into care as the owners cannot afford the medical bills.

10.15 Michael Bublé's

Christmas Special

The Canadian crooner performs classic festive songs.

11.15 Fiddler on the Roof

Musical comedy drama with Topol and Norma Crane. A milkman searches for good husbands for his five daughters.

2.50 Pal Joey

Musical comedy. A charming singer arrives in San Francisco to work in a seedy nightclub and is determined to make it big. However he is forced to choose between success and true love.

5.00 Seven Brides for Seven Brothers Musical. When a young rancher brings his new wife back home, she is horrified to discover that she has to look after his unruly brothers. Soon the boys realise what they need are their own wives.

Followed by 5 News Update

7.00 The Gadget Show

Jason and Rachel test three 4K Blu-ray players, while in San Francisco Polly rides in a replica DeLorean that travels on water.

Followed by 5 News Update

8.00 World's Strongest Man

The 36th year of the showdown concludes in Haitang Bay in Sanya, China. Will Britain's Terry Hollands still be in the running for a podium finish? If so, he'll have to get past nine of the planet's heaviest hulks.

9.00 Greatest Stand-Up Comedians

A countdown of the 50 funniest people to have performed stand-up, including Tommy Cooper, Joan Rivers and Jo Brand. With contributions by Paul Hogan, Ross Noble and Richard Pryor's daughter Rain, who each discuss their comedy heroes.



FESTIVE TELEVISION

Wednesday, January 1st



FILM OF THE DAY

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows (Part 2)

8.00pm ITV1

The eighth and final instalment in the Harry Potter film series continues to follow Harry, Ron and Hermione's quest to find and destroy Lord Voldemort's Horcruxes.



Eastenders

8.00pm BBC1

Ronnie finds herself in serious trouble and calls on Phil to help get rid of the evidence

BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast

With Roger Johnson.

9.00 The Ant Bully

Animated fantasy adventure in which a wizard ant turns the tables on a ten-year-old boy by making him tiny.

10.20 Who Framed Roger Rabbit

Private detective Bob Hoskins heads to animated Toontown when Roger Rabbit suspects his wife Jessica has been unfaithful.

11.55 Polar Bear: Spy on the Ice

Hidden cameras capture the intimate lives of polar bears as they go about their daily lives.

12.45pm The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message

The Most Rev Justin Welby delivers his New year address.

12.50 BBC News

1.05 Gangsta Granny

Family comedy starring David Williams.

2.15 The Sound of Music

Classic musical. Trainee nun Maria decides to leave her convent in Salzburg to become governess to the seven children of Captain Von Trapp. The spirited Maria instils a love of music in the children, but the family's happiness is threatened by the Nazi occupation of Austria.

5.05 Kung Fu Panda 2

Animated comedy adventure Sequel with Jack Black as the voice of martial arts master Po. In order to stop the plot of evil peacock Lord Shen, Po must embark on a journey to discover the truth about his childhood.

6.25 BBC News

6.45 Gnomeo & Juliet

Animated romantic tale. Gnomeo and Juliet live in neighbouring gardens but are caught up in a battle between rival gnome factions. Will love be able to overcome the obstacles in their path?

8.00 EastEnders

A panicked Ronnie takes matters into her own hands, with serious consequences. Meanwhile Linda and Mick, unable to hide their opinions, make Nancy's big day unforgettable.

9.00 Sherlock

New series. 1/3 Series 3. The Empty Hearse Two years after his supposed demise, Holmes resurfaces just as London is threatened by a huge terrorist attack. Though delighted by the return of his best friend, Watson is worried about the impact it might have on his new romance and the comforting domestic future that beckons.

10.25 BBC News

10.50 Match of the Day

The day's Premier League highlights, including Manchester United v Tottenham Hotspur and Southampton v Chelsea. Presented by Gary Lineker.

Followed by National Lottery Update

12.20 The Graham Norton Show

With the stars of Anchorman 2, comedian Frank Skinner and the Monty Python team.

1.20 Weatherview

1.25 BBC News

BBC 2

6.50 Natural World The Zambezi river.

7.50 Flight of the Navigator

Sci-fi adventure. On 4 July 1978, 12-year-old David takes a tumble and wakes up in an altered world.

9.15 The Great British Bake Off

5/10. The contestants prepare a series of biscuits and traybakes.

10.15 The Great British Bake Off

6/10. Three tasks involving sweet dough.

11.15 New Year's Day Vienna Concert

Daniel Barenboim conducts the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

12.40pm The Many Faces of Michael Caine

The actor looks back at his prolific film career.

1.20 The Eagle Has Landed

World War Two adventure with Michael Caine. German paratroopers try to kidnap Winston Churchill.

3.30 Sports Personality of the Year at 60

Gary Lineker presents a look at the history of the ceremony, which has become a sports and broadcasting institution since first being held in 1954.

4.30 Final Score

This afternoon's football results.

5.20 The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message

The Most Rev Justin Welby delivers an address.

5.25 Christmas University Challenge

8/10. Two teams of graduates compete on behalf of their former universities in the first semi-final of the quiz. Jeremy Paxman asks the questions.

5.55 The Terminal

Comedy drama. On a visit to the United States from the eastern European State of Krakozhia, Viktor Navorski suddenly finds himself with no legal status after his country falls to a military coup. Without a valid visa or diplomatic Status, the hapless Navorski is therefore confined to JFK airport.

8.00 Nature's Weirdest Events

2/3. In Florida, fish walk out of the water while bees in France are making shocking multi-coloured honey. We also find out why whales and dolphins would forge an unlikely friendship, and how trees are oozing red blood. With Chris Packham.

9.00 Glasgow Big Night Out

An affectionate portrait of the city, through the eyes of performers who have played there and the occasionally rowdy audiences they would encounter. Many of the country's favourite stars got their first big break at the Glasgow Empire, including Nicholas Parsons, the Krankies and Stanley Baxter: However the greatest love was reserved for the Hollywood names who made the journey to Scotland, such as Laurel and Hardy.

10.00 The Many Faces of Stanley Baxter

A profile of the Scottish entertainer from his early days in variety and review Shows to the lavish TV specials that attracted huge audiences in the 1970s and 80's.

11.00 The Sarah Millican Slightly Longer Television Programme

With guests Phillip Schofield and Call the Midwife stars Judy Parfitt and Helen George.

11.40 The Resident

Horror thriller. ER doctor Juliet Devereau moves into a Spacious apartment in Brooklyn, but the creaky building gives her cause to believe there's a sinister presence within its walls.

1.05 Shadow of the Vampire

Horror about the making of silent classic Nosferatu. Starring John Malkovich and Willem Dafoe. Director FW Murnau hires a real vampire to star in his latest film.

ITV 1

6.00 CITV Babar and the Adventures of Badou

6.20 Almost Naked Animals

6.50 Horrid Henry

7.20 Om Nom Stories

7.25 Share a Story: the Winners' Journey

7.55 Bottom Knockout Street

8.25 Dinner Date

With Midge from London.

9.25 Murder, She Wrote

A TV producer wants to base a character on one of Jessica's inventions.

10.25 Columbo

After a college professor is murdered, two cunning students are the chief suspects.

12.20 Dickinson's Real Deal

1.25 ITV News

1.50 Uncle Buck

Chaos reigns when a Sun-loving bachelor looks after his nephew and nieces. John Candy Stars.

3.40 50 Greatest Harry Potter Moments

The best scenes from the movie saga.

5.40 The Illusionists

Six leading illusionists light up a magic show at the Hammersmith Apollo.

6.45 ITV News

7.00 Emmerdale

Charity's plot to frame Sam seems to be working.

7.30 Coronation Street

Tina is furious when Peter turns up with Carla and acts as if nothing happened.

8.00 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2

Fantasy adventure, the final part of JK Rowling's epic saga. Harry continues his search for the magical Horcruxes, the key to the evil Lord Voldemort's immortality. Acting on information from the goblin Griphook, Harry is led to the vault of Voldemort's ally Bellatrix Lestrange before a final confrontation with his archenemy.

10.30 ITV News Weather

10.50 Funny Old Year 2013

Jason Manford hosts a light-hearted celebration of the highs and lows from the past 12 months.

11.50 The Jonathan Ross Show

With guests Sir David Attenborough. John Bishop, Ray Winstone, Jamie Oliver and Susan Boyle.

12.55 Jackpot247

Interactive gaming.

3.00 Training Day

Police drama starring Oscar-winning Denzel Washington and Ethan Hawke. A young cop is partnered with a narcotics officer who uses some highly unconventional tactics.

5.00 Nightscreen Text information.

5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show

Guests air their differences in the studio.

Channel 4

6.05 According to Jim

6.30 Will & Grace

Grace teaches a design class.

6.55 Freaky Friday

Fantasy comedy with Jodie Foster and Barbara Harris as a daughter and mother who swap bodies.

8.50 How I Met Your Mother

9.50 The Big Bang Theory

10.20 Planet 51

An astronaut lands in a world just like 1950s America in this animated fantasy adventure.

12.05 Deal or No Deal

1.05 LIVE Racing

Starts from Cheltenham are at 1.20, 1.55, 2.30 and 3.05, and from Musselburgh, at 1.35 and 2.10. Presented by Nick Luck.

3.40 The Simpsons

All About Lisa. Homer and Bart team up to search for a rare coin.

4.10 Big

Comedy starring Tom Hanks and Elizabeth Perkins. At a fairground fortune-telling booth, 12-year-old Josh Baskin wishes he could be "big". The next morning he is astonished to find himself fully grown. He soon learns that, in the adult world, being a grown-up is not all it's cracked up to be.

6.10 Channel 4 News

6.20 The Karate Kid

Remake of the popular martial arts adventure from 1984, starring Jackie Chan and Jaden Smith. Moving from his home town of Detroit to China is quite a culture shock for young Dre Parker a situation made worse when he falls foul of the class bully. But under the guidance of maintenance man Mr Han, Dre learns to defend himself.

9.00 David Blaine: Real or Magic?

Returning to the street magic that made his name, the acclaimed illusionist mystifies an array of celebrities including Jamie Foxx, Bryan Cranston, Aaron Paul, Ricky Gervais, Katy Perry, Lenny Kravitz and Will Smith. He also works his trickery in the homes of Kanye West and Olivia Wilde and visits Stephen Hawking at his office at Cambridge University to create some astonishing illusions featuring misdirection and prestidigitation.

10.20 Big Fat Quiz of the Year

Question-master Jimmy Carr finds out who gets bragging rights on their memory of events over the past year. A panel of contestants comprising Jack Whitehall and Micky Flanagan, Dara O Briain and Kristen Schaal, and Noel Fielding and Richard Ayoade cast their minds back over the key people and events.

12.20 Alien

Sci-fi horror classic. On its way back to Earth at the end of a routine voyage, a spacecraft picks up signals from a nearby planet. When three of the crew go to investigate, one of them is attacked by a mysterious creature that emerges from a repository of eggs.

2.20 The Quiller Memorandum

Spy thriller starring George Segal, Alec Guinness and Max von Sydow. When two British agents are killed by a group of neo-Nazis in Berlin, Quiller, the departments top agent, is sent to investigate.

4.05 Deal or No Deal

Noel Edmonds hosts a festive-themed edition.

5.00 Countdown

5.40 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard The patissier demonstrates recipes.

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! Igam Ogam

6.10 Fireman Sam

6.20 The Wotwots

6.30 Peppa Pig

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7.25 Thomas & Friends

7.35 Noddy in Toyland

7.45 Fifi

7.55 Peppa Pig

8.10 Toby's Travelling Circus

8.20 Bananas in Pyjamas

8.35 Ticky Toc

8.45 King of the Railway

Animated adventure in which Thomas the tank engine saves a ruined castle.

9.55 Inside Hollywood Magazine show.

10.10 The Dog Rescues

10.40 World's Strongest Man

The fifth and final heat from Sanya, China.

11.40 The final.

12.40pm Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers

Andy has to take a huge detour.

1.40 The Glenn Miller Story Musical biographical drama starring James Stewart and June Allyson.

3.55 Greystoke: the Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes

Adventure starring Christopher Lambert. When Lord Clayton and his pregnant young wife are shipwrecked off the coast of Africa in 1886, a legend is born. Their son, John, is reared in the jungle by apes and becomes master of all he surveys. That is until the day a hunting party strays into his territory, bringing with it the violence of civilisation.

6.30 The Dam Busters

Classic wartime drama. The story of the destruction of the major dams in Germany's industrial heartland in the Ruhr valley in 1943, a mission that seemed impossible until engineer and scientist Barnes Wallis came up with the ingenious idea of bouncing bombs.

8.55 5 News

9.00 An Audience with Ken Dodd

The much-loved funnyman looks back on his career in 1994. The Diddy Man recalls learning his comic trade during summer seasons in Blackpool and working on the same bill as Morecambe and Wise, as well as his famously marathon shows. Among the star-studded audience questioning Ken about his life are James Fox, Molly Sugden, Samantha Fox, Paul Daniels, Warren Mitchell and Frank Carson.

10.55 An Audience with Cliff Richard

The ever youthful singer is joined by Another Level, Elaine Paige, Chicken Shed, the Capital Voices Choir and Vincenzo La Scola as he performs a selection of his greatest hits. He also gets up to some outrageous antics with Les Dennis and Bobby Davro.

12.35 Michael Buble's Christmas Special Festive songs.

1.40 SuperCasino Live gaming.

3.05 Monster Moves

A paddle steamer is transported 80 miles inland.

3.55 House Doctor

Compilation of tips.

4.45 Great Artists

Spanish master Diego Velázquez.

5.10 Great Scientists

Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei.

5.35 Wildlife SOS

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Iranian born Shappi is a sought after cultural commentator appearing on Question Time (BBC2), Sunday Edition (ITV), Woman's Hour (Radio 4), Radio 5 Live, BBC World Service & LBC and has penned columns for The Guardian, The Independent, The Telegraph, and The Evening Standard. Shappi's autobiographical book 'A Beginners Guide To Acting English' (Ebury Press) was released on 2nd July 2009 and was a huge critical success.

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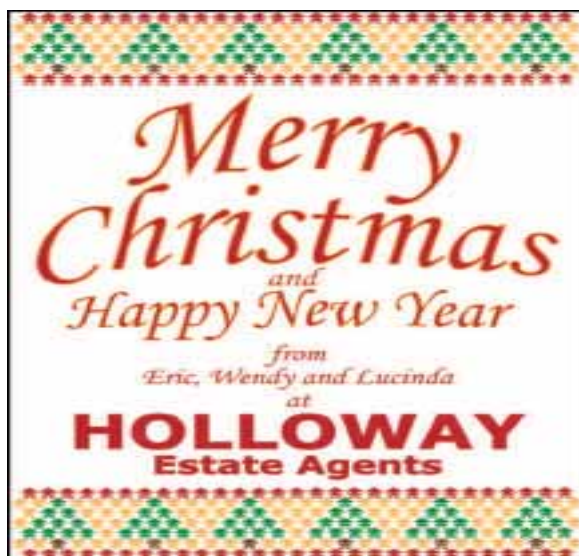
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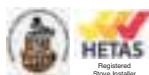
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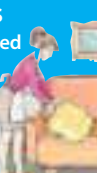
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The new 2014 Toyota Verso

THE VERSO compact MPV is being readied to be the first Toyota model to use a new 1.6-litre D-4D diesel engine from BMW, introduced in a revised UK range that adds a new Trend grade offering extra style and high-tech equipment features.

1.6 D-4D engine

The new 1.6 D-4D diesel engine, making its Toyota debut in the 2014 Verso, is sourced from the BMW Group. Toyota engineers have made extensive modifications to the engine, including a newly-developed dual-mass flywheel, revised engine mounts, and completely redesigned electrical interfaces. It is fitted to a Toyota six-speed manual transmission with stop-start technology, a first for the Verso range.

It replaces the 2.0-litre D-4D engine in the UK line-up, offering higher efficiency and a 20kg weight saving. Maximum power is 110bhp

(82kW) at 4,000rpm and peak torque is 270Nm, generated from 1,750 to 2,250rpm. Nought to 62mph acceleration is despatched in 12.7 seconds and top speed is 115mph.

Fuel economy is eight per cent better than the 2.0 D-4D unit, with 62.8mpg* combined cycle consumption. CO2 emissions are lower by 10g/km at 119g/km* (*figures provisional prior to official homologation).

These figures are supported by the first deployment of a stop and start system in Verso, in line with the efficiency principles of Toyota Optimal Drive.

Toyota met a number of engineering challenges in order to integrate the engine into Verso's powertrain, in particular with regard to the use of stop and start, minimising NVH levels and ensuring quiet running at cruising speeds.

The engine has been tuned to deliver a fast

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New Verso Trend

Verso gains a new Trend grade for 2014, introducing an extra dash of style and some high-tech equipment features to the specification.

Slotting into the range between the Icon and Excel models, the Trend versions are easy to distinguish thanks to a black C-pillar decal that creates a floating roof effect – a styling feature shared with the latest Yaris Trend.

They also have their own five-spoke alloy wheel design, front fog lamps and rear privacy glass.

Building on the Icon grade specification, Trend models benefit from Toyota Touch 2 with Go, adding satellite navigation, connected services, Google Street View and TomTom real time traffic data to the multimedia system's functions (more details below).

As well as a rear-view camera – a key element in the Toyota Touch 2 package – Verso Trend is equipped with front parking sensors for belt-and-braces safe and easy parking manoeuvres.

2014 Verso line-up

In addition to the new Trend grade, Verso is available with a new Avantgarde Bronze paint finish, new cloth upholstery in black and (optional) grey, and a new leather trimmed gear knob (as seen in Auris).



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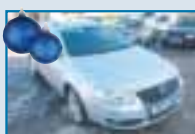
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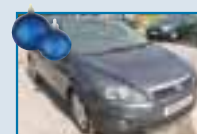
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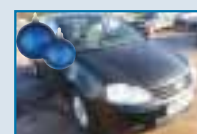
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RUGBY ROUND-UP

Magpies hit by controversial late equaliser

**DORCHESTER TOWN 2
CONCORD RANGERS 2**
Skrill South – att: 356

DORCHESTER Town were edging towards the three points that would have lifted off the bottom of the Skril South, when a minute into an incredible six and a half minutes of added time Concord Rangers snatched a controversial equaliser at The Avenue on Saturday.

Having beaten Tonbridge Angels midweek, Magpies manager Phil Simkin made just one change; Josh Wakefield having recovered from a dead leg replacing Danny Way.

The Canvey Island outfit were promoted at the end of last season and have assembled an experienced side including former Chelsea player Jack Powell, on loan from Millwall in mid-field.

The bizarrely named Beach Boys almost went ahead in the second minute when keeper Alan Walker-Harris spilled Sam Collins' free kick, but Sam Higgins lifted the rebound over the bar.

The hapless Higgins was then unlucky on five minutes when he turned and fired in a superb curling 30 yard shot that struck the top of the bar.

It took Dorchester time to get find their feet but following good build up Wakefield curled a right foot shot just wide of the far post, before the AFC Bournemouth loanee caused more problems in the visiting defence with a

low flat curling cross from the left that evaded everybody.

On 20 minutes Dorchester had to thank Nick Crittenden for stopping them going behind. A poor corner kick eventually found Kiernan Hughes-Mason 15 yards from goal and his well struck shot would have found the corner but for Crittenden who blocked his shot on the line.

This signalled a spell of pressure from the visitors that saw Dorchester closing down all over the pitch as they looked to contain the visitors. However they were lucky when Higgins' shot on goal was blocked by Mark Jermy.

Crittenden who once again showed what a fine player he is, jinking between three of the opposition before being brought down by the mesmerised Danny Glozier.

Dorchester had another narrow squeak five minutes before the break when Walker completely misjudged Jack Lampe's long throw into the box and the ball fell at the feet of Higgins a yard from goal. The striker must have thought he was finally going to score, but Walker-Harris blocked his effort and the ball was hacked to safety.

Despite not having produced as many chances in the first half, Dorchester had worked hard and deserved to go in level at the break.

The second-half saw the Magpies get forward more, but with both sides can-

celling each other it looked as though it would need something spectacular to break the deadlock.

Although not a great finish, it was a piece of magic from Crittenden that led to the opening goal on 63 minutes.

Collecting the ball on the right he made ground before cutting in the penalty area attracting defenders like bee to a honey pot.

It seemed he was almost certain to be grounded as he danced past four players before crossing into the six-yard box where Wakefield just managed to get his foot in before Lampe and direct the ball goalwards.

Although Butler managed to grab the ball and claimed he stopped it before it went over, the assistant immediately flagged for a goal.

Tails up, the Magpies swarmed forward again and when Steve King got a toe to Brandon Goodship's 25-yard shot Butler had to dive low to turn the ball around the post. The keeper then produced a fabulous save to turn Walker's header from the resultant corner over the angle.

Concord responded by introducing Steve Cawley and Reece Harris to pep up their attack and it soon worked. Cawley equalised when he lobbed the Magpies stopper for the equaliser after he was released behind the home defence.

Dorchester fans hardly had time to be

disappointed before Goodship fed Wakefield who curled a stupendous 25-yard shot around the flying Butler into the far corner of the goal to restore Dorchester's lead.

Dorchester were finding it hard to break out of their own half as the Beach Boys surged forward for an equaliser and following a melee Cawley headed Harris' cross just wide at the far post.

Right on the 90 minutes the Magpies might have sealed the points when they broke away and Crittenden played in Goodship in, but Butler palmed his effort away.

It appeared that Dorchester had done enough however in the first minute of added time Powell's free-kick into the packed penalty was met by James White who clearly caught the back of Walker's head with his boot as knocked into the ball in off the underside of the bar.

Dorchester vehemently claimed that the goal should have been disallowed for a high foot by White on Walker, who needed treatment following the incident, but referee Adrian Quelch overruled their claim.

Munday clips Angels wings

**DORCHESTER TOWN 2
TONBRIDGE ANGELS 1**

Skrill South – Att: 281

DAN Munday gave Dorchester Town a lift with a late winner against fellow strugglers Tonbridge Angels last Tuesday to put them level with Boreham Wood and just one point behind the four teams above them in Skril South.

The 16-year-old entered the fray just after the hour as replacement for Jamie Beasley who suffered a head injury after coming on as a half-time substitute, and with just three minutes of normal time remaining drove home the winner that put the Magpies right back in the mix.

Ryan Case made his debut at right back just 24 hours after signing for the club, whilst Steve Walker returned to the centre of defence after getting married the previous Friday.

Brandon Goodship was lively in the opening exchanges forcing Angels' keeper Lewis Carey to save at his feet, and was unlucky not to put the hosts ahead midway through the half when he met Way's cross with a header that thudded against the crossbar.

Quicker to the ball it looked a matter of time before the Magpies would take the lead.

So it was rather against the run of play that Tonbridge went ahead on 34 minutes as a result of a poor challenge from skipper Mark Jermy that earned him a booking; Mark Lovell heading home at the near post from the result-

ant free-kick.

Dorchester were back on level terms three minutes before the break when Goodship finally got the reward for his efforts by scoring at the far post after Walker had nodded Jake Smeeton's free kick back across goal.

Tonbridge came out after the interval with renewed vigour and with Nathan Green causing problems down the left side looked to take control, and Alan Walker-Harris was forced into a good diving save from Shamir Goodwin on 64 minutes.

This seemed to stir Dorchester and they turned the tables. Jamie Gleeson just fired over following Nick Crittenden's run and pass before Carey had to turn Goodship's shot into the side netting.

Both sides went looking for a winner with Dorchester looking the more threatening and their aggression was rewarded when Munday drove home from 12 yards with time running out.

Manager Phil Simkin was delighted with the win and the way the team had recovered from the mauling at Havant three days earlier.

"To put the heavy defeat we suffered at Havant behind them so quickly and come out and put on a performance like that against a decent Tonbridge side really does show great character."

"I thought we showed great work ethic throughout."

Martinstown getting youth on the front foot

WITH the New Year just around the corner, Martinstown Cricket Club is already looking to next season.

They will be running youth training sessions at Thomas Hardy Leisure Centre on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm starting on January 23rd.

The format has yet to be finalised; however it is hoped sessions can be held for under 9s, 11, 13s and 15s.

The club has a vibrant youth section with over 60 members and in 2013 the under 11 side won the Archie Masters cup while their under 18 counterparts won the Switched On under 18 cup.

All sessions are lead by qualified coaches. The club is continually on the lookout for new members of all ages.

The club has a tradition of developing young players with each week seven to nine members who have risen through the ranks, playing first team cricket at Dorset Premier Two level.

If you'd like further information on these sessions or the club, please contact Youth Coordinator Lee House on 07966504806 or email therealmcc@hotmail.co.uk or visit our website http://martinstown.playcricket.com.

Football round-up

Dorset in quarter-final

FA Inter-League Cup

THE Dorset Premier League lined-up a home quarter-finals against Jersey thanks to a 1-0 victory against the Kent County League with the goal coming in the 91st minute from Portland United's Adam Linnaker.

RESULTS - Saturday, December 14th Dorset Senior Trophy

Hamworthy Res 4 Parley Sports Res 1, Blandford Res 3 Weymouth Spartans 2, Poole Borough Res 2 Westland Sports 1, Stourpaine 1 Sturminster Marshall 4, Sturminster Newton 1 Chickereil 0, Balti House 0 Kangaroos 1, Upwey & Broadway 4 South Cheriton 2, Wiltchampton 1 Wimborne Res 2.

Dorset Intermediate Cup

Beaminster 0 Lytchett Red Triangle 4, Gillingham A 2 Allendale 3, Lyme Regis v Parley Sports A (Home win W/O), Normalair 3 Wyke Social 1.

Dorset Minor Cup

Allendale Res 4 Milborne Sports Res 0, Lyme Regis A 1 Alderholt Res 2, Owermoigne 2 Portland Town A 0, Wool & Winfrith 0 Puddletown 8.

Premier League

Bridport Res 3-1 Sherborne Res, Mere Town 0-0 Blandford Utd, Parley Sports 0-4 Merley Cobham, Shaftesbury 2-2 Holt Utd, Swanage & Herston 0-2 Cranborne.

FA Inter League

Kent League 0 Dorset Premier League 1

Senior League

Gillingham Town Reserves 1-0 Portland Utd Res, Kingston Lacy 1-7 Corfe Mullen Utd, Okeford Utd 0-7 Piddletrenthide Utd.

Dorset League Division One

AFC Cobham 1-2 Wincanton Res, Bridport A 1-4 Bere Regis, Dorchester Sp 1-1 Poundbury Rovers, Milborne Sp 4-0 Swanage & H Res.

Dorset League Division Two

Corfe Castle 1-2 Portland Town, Portesham United 2-1 Piddlinton Utd, The Ship Inn 2-5 Shaftesbury Res.

Dorset League Division Three

Broadstone 6-1 Henstidge Utd, Donhead Utd 0-6 Mere Town Res, Stickland United 5-1 Portland Town Res, Sturm Marshall Res 2-3 Stalbridge.

Dorset League Division Four

Cranborne Res 1-4 Pimperne Sports, South Cheriton Utd Res 0-4 Corfe Mullen Utd Res,

United Club of Poundbury 4-4 Kangaroos Res,

Weymouth Spartans Res 3-1 AFC Cobham Res.

Dorset League Division Five

Handley Sports Res 1-3 Okeford Utd Res, Portland Town B 1-3 Lytchett RT Youth (abandoned 68 min - player injury), Marnhull 5-1 Portland United Youth.

FIXTURES - Saturday, December 21st Premier League

Blandford Utd v Cranborne, Hamworthy Rec v Bridport Res, Hamworthy Utd Res v Tintinhull, Holt Utd v Parley Sports, Merley Cobham Sports v Mere Town, Poole Borough v Weymouth Res, Portland Utd v Shaftesbury Town, Wareham Rangers v Sherborne Town Res.

Senior League

Corfe Mullen United v Gillingham Town, Okeford United v Chickereil United, Piddletrenthide United v Portland United Reserves, South Cheriton United v Blandford United Reserves, Sturminster Marshall v Kingston Lacy, Westland Sports v Sturminster Newton United, Wiltchampton United v Upwey & Broadway.

Dorset League Division One

AFC Cobham v Balti House, Dorchester Sports v Bere Regis, Kangaroos v Poole Borough Res, Milborne Sports v Bridport A, Poundbury Rovers v Stourpaine, Wincanton Town Res v Swanage Town & Herston.

Dorset League Division Two

Chickereil United Res v Piddlinton United, Parley Sports Res v Wareham Rangers, Redlands v Corfe Castle, Shaftesbury Town Reserves v Portesham United, Sturminster Newton Utd Res v Gillingham A, Ship Inn v Lytchett RT, Wyke Regis SC v Portland Town.

Dorset League Division Three

Bere Regis Res v Handley Sports Res, Donhead United v AFC Blandford, Mere Town Res v Sturminster Marshall Res, Portland Town Res v Broadstone, Stalbridge v Henstidge Utd.

Dorset League Division Four

Cranborne Res v Milborne Sports, Owermoigne v Puddletown, Pimperne Sports v South Cheriton Utd Res, Portland Town A v AFC Cobham Res, UC Poundbury v Corfe Mullen Res, Weymouth Spart Res v Kangaroos Res.

Dorset League Division Five

Corfe Castle Res v Broadstone Res, Handley SP Res v Wool & Winfrith, Marnhull v Lytchett RT Youth, Piddletrenthide Res v Portland Utd Youth.

Pressure mounts as table tennis league reaches midway point

LEAGUE

WEYMOUTH & District Table Tennis League moves into Christmas with the first half of the season almost complete.

Division on is looking to be a closely matched affair with only 14 points separating the top four teams although Land Registry have played one more game than the others.

Division 1

THE match between Land Registry (LR) and YMCA in Dorchester was a close encounter which LR edged by 20 games to 18.

Steve Jackson was the only player to get a maximum 9 points for LR, winning his matches 3-1, 3-2 and 3-1 respectively with Clive Stow and Ken Brake both scoring 7 points each for the YMCA.

The match for 3rd and 4th places between Colliton X and Hawks was another 20-18 result - this time in favour of Hawks with Simon Joslin getting a maximum and Sam Roles and Mick Hogan both picking up six apiece.

Springfield C have yet to win a match as they have been struggling for players; Pete Anderson and Steve Rockett being their only regular players for half their matches.

Division 2

NEARLY all of the matches have now been played in Division 2 and this league looks to be even closer fought with just 11 points separating the top four teams.

Preston A top the league at the moment with Pilgrims A, Budmouth A and Preston B close on their heels.

There was one draw, a rare occurrence in table tennis, with Pilgrims A and Preston A finishing 19 all; Richard Wilshire scored a maximum nine for Pilgrims while Roger Lovell replied with 8 points for Preston.

Budmouth A are competing very well since moving up from the Division 3 as their combined ages are usually less than the age a single opposition player.

Division 3

THIS league is much more clear-cut with Shipton Gorge C opening up a gap at the top having won all but one of their eight matches so far.

Preston D and Wyke C fought out a 17-17 draw with the result in the balance to the very end with Wyke winning the doubles 3-1 to clinch the draw. Roy Sharp was the best player on the night with nine points with Kev Goater and Mal Smith scoring six each for the home side.

The youngsters of All Saints are doing well for their first season in the league beating Budmouth D and Dorset Youth B for their two wins so far.

However, they are in the league to give the young players league experience who have to learn to adapt to all sorts of different styles of play.

HANDICAP CUP

THE first round of the handicap cup has been completed and the results (best of nine) with the matches between Pilgrims A and Wyke M, and Preston D and Shipton Gorge B both going down to the wire; a tribute to the handicapper.

Results: All Saints w/o Springfield C; Budmouth A 5 Dorset Youth B 1; Budmouth B 5 Wyke A 0; Budmouth D 5 Budmouth C 1; Colliton C 5 Colliton A 2; Red Triangle 3 Colliton X 5; YMCA 3 Land Registry 5; Pilgrims A 5 Wyke M 4; Pilgrims B 5 Preston B 0; Preston D 5 Shipton Gorge B 4; Shipton Gorge A 5 Preston A 3; Hawks 1 Wyke D 5

The draw for the second round is as follows: Budmouth A v Pilgrims; Colliton C v Wyke C; Colliton X v Shipton Gorge A; Land Registry v Preston D; Pil-

grims B v All Saints; Shipton Gorge C v Budmouth B; Springfield B v Preston C; Wyke D v Budmouth D.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND CADET LEAGUE

FOUR Weymouth teams comprising 14 players travelled to Southampton recently and all gave really creditable performances in the second of the meetings.

At the end of the night Weymouth C were promoted after winning Division 3 by 12 points, with Weymouth D were fifth.

Weymouth A were third in Division 1, while Weymouth B held second place in Division 2.

There were a lot of good performances and hard to single out individual performances, but, a special mention to the club's youngest player, Weymouth D's Ollie James who typified the great spirit of the Weymouth squad.

Many of the Weymouth C and D players also guest for other teams to make up the numbers, and James played four games for Basingstoke's Aldworth B in Division 2, playing very well.

However, a mistake that saw him directed to the wrong table saw him playing a match against a county cadet player, from the Division 1 winners Bournemouth A.

James went on to win a leg, eventually losing 3-1 in a close game only to find after the game that they should not have been playing at all.

A lot of schools in the Weymouth and Dorchester areas now have table tennis as a sport in their after school clubs.

With four Budmouth teams and All Saints being represented in the league and top level coaching from Andy Millar and Sai Maganti the future looks bright for table tennis in Weymouth.

Bridport Darts League

Division One	Pld	Pts
Robb Robbers.....	11	20
BSC.....	11	19
All Stars.....	11	15
Nomads.....	11	15
Times Up.....	11	14
Nags Head A.....	11	11
Knapp Inn.....	11	10
Young Guns.....	9	8
Hands of Time.....	10	7
Surely that's engh.....	11	6
Odd Bods.....	11	2
Dat Team.....	10	1

Most 180s: Mark Munro (All Stars), Terry Prowse (Rob's Robbers), Graham Knight (Nomads) Matt Brotherton (Rob's Robbers) all 4.
Win %: Graham Knight (Nomads) 100% (11/11)

Division Two	Pld	Pts
One for the Vikings.....	10	17
Odds or Us.....	10	15
Rubber Johns.....	10	15
Elders.....	10	14
Young Darters.....	10	11
Royal Hawks.....	10	9
One Direction.....	10	8
Poachers.....	10	7
The Surgeons.....	10	7
Bob's Boys.....	10	4
Broken Arrows.....	10	3

Most 180s: Mike Day (One for the Vikings), Kenny Poole (One Direction) both x3.
Win %: Dave Churchill (One for the Vikings), Nick Quinton (Odds or Us) both 100% (10/10).

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Anchor Vale Viewers.....	9	15
Flashes Fives.....	9	15
Anchor Five.....	9	11
Only Just.....	9	11
Time Bombs.....	9	11
Inbetweeners.....	9	8
Mozzies Heroes.....	9	7
The Capercailties.....	9	6
Midnight Runners.....	9	3
Odd & Sods.....	9	3

Most 180s: Paul Bearpark (Odds & Sods) x2.
Win %: Paul Gumbrell (Inbetweeners), Andre Reynolds (Time Bombs) both 100%.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Otter Rotters.....	10	15
Tip Top Odds.....	10	14
Tiger Bees.....	10	13
The Royal Nuts.....	10	13
All the Kings Men.....	10	12
Sorted Odds.....	10	11
Dodgers.....	10	10
No Direction.....	10	7
Sue's Rebels.....	10	6
Greyhound.....	10	5
Con Artists.....	10	4

Most 180s: Five players x1.
Win %: John Boyle and Adrian Critchard both 100%

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Tender Trap.....	9	16
Anchor Aces.....	9	14
Clocking On.....	9	14
Knight 'n' Gals.....	9	14
Queenes of the Cl.....	9	8
Sue's Rebels.....	9	8
Kings Arrows.....	9	6
Next Door.....	9	5
Queen Bees.....	9	5
Castaways.....	9	0

Most 180s: Sharon Poole (Clocking On) 1.
Win %: Sarah Chick (Tender Trap) 100% (9/9)

Ladies Div Two	Pld	Pts
Cliff Hangers.....	7	11
Against the Odds.....	7	10
Wildcats.....	7	10
Good Mates.....	7	6
Dougalls Dollies.....	7	5
Anchors Aweigh.....	7	5
Charlie's Angels.....	7	5
Tiger Stripes.....	7	4

Most 180s: None.
Win %: Brenda Bartlett (Anchors Aweigh) 100% (7/7)

BRIDPORT RUGBY

Smith injury dampens Christmas spirit

EAST DORSET 49 BRIDPORT 13

THIS game was overshadowed by an injury to Bridport's Dave Smith who suffered a badly broken leg three minutes into the second-half.

At that point despite the Blues trailing 18-10 they felt they still had a chance of reversing the situation.

However, after a 30 minute wait while an ambulance was called to take the Canadian ice hockey star to Poole Hospital, his colleagues obviously shaken, had lost heart and the home side ran out easy winners.

The first-half of This Dorset & Wilts South 1 league game went reasonably well for the visiting Blues, and they were first to post a score with a converted try from Jamie Livingstone.

Man-of-the-Match full-back Tom Fullegar, had kicked ahead and the home side full-back had fielded his kick but his attempt at a return clearing kick was charged down by Livingstone who ran on to touch down.

East Dorset soon responded with an unconverted try but as in their previous three matches the Bridport scrum was masterful, pushing the home side

about the pitch seemingly at will.

Bridport's own serial yellow carder was true to form and the weakened visitors let the home 15 in for two soft tries and a conversion to enter half-time 18-10 in arrears, but not with an impossible difference to overcome in the second-half.

However, the injury became all consuming with both teams trying to stay loose and warm for the 30 minute wait; not an easy task on a cold wet windy park.

The Blues players were obviously shaken by this serious injury to a popular team mate, and their game went to pot, and with their hearts not in it anymore, the final whistle was welcomed.

Previous scrum advantage melted, tackling was without conviction and a good hiding was suffered. It was a very long dismal drive home from Christchurch for the saddened boys.

The next game is not until January 4th when Bridport entertain Westbury at the Brewery Ground, and everyone at the club hopes Dave Smith will be on the mend and the Christmas interval will restore the Bridport spirit.

MOTOR SPORT

Another successful year for Woolbridge Motor Club

MEMBERS of Woolbridge Motor Club gathered at the Frampton village hall to honour their members who have excelled during the 2014 season in the various motor sporting disciplines that the club present across the south of Dorset and East Devon.

For the second year, Dorset's premier motor club, now with a membership of in excess of 500, promoted the awards presentation at an informal lunchtime gathering rather than at the more formal black-tie Annual Dinner and Dance which had previously been the norm.

Competitors who partake in rallies, trials, and speed hill climbs celebrated the success of their fellow members and none more so than Axminster resident Keith Grant.

He claimed the Champion Driver award in the Navigational Challenge series in addition to the Motor Sports Association Silver Jubilee Salver, which he received as acknowledgement of his involvement in the club not only as a competitor but also for his efforts throughout club in non-competing activities.

The Volvo driver completed a triple also securing the Newlands Trophy.

Dorchester's Merv Brake, claimed the Champion Navigator title whilst Antony Pope won the award for the best Beginner Driver and Neil Cowell claimed the Rod Purkiss Memorial Trophy as the best Beginner Navigator.

Speed events are a major part of the Woolbridge club's annual programme with events at Wiscombe Park and Charmouth's Manor Farm.

Such events counted along with a larger series of qualifiers which saw Weymouth's Geoff Blake win the Silver Jubilee Trophy as Speed Events Champion.

The Westfield sports car driver fended off challenges from racing car driver Mike Lee (OMS S2000-Suzuki) and Yeovil saloon car exponent Simon Neve in his Mitsubishi Evo 6RS.

The 4X4 Trials Championship comprised of four individual classes with Stan Johnson winning the Upwey Challenge Cup, Andy Vickery taking the honours in Class B along with the Wessex Trailers Trophy.

Paul Johnston was at the top of the table in Class C and received the South Dorset Trophy as well as finishing runner-up in the Production Car Trials Championship. The final all-wheel-drive award

went to RTV class winner Garry Arnold who took home the 50th Anniversary Trophy whilst the Overall Championship was gained by John Tite from Lyons Gate near Cerne Abbas.

The premier award in the car trials category, the WMC Field Events Trophy, was won by John York in his MG Midget.

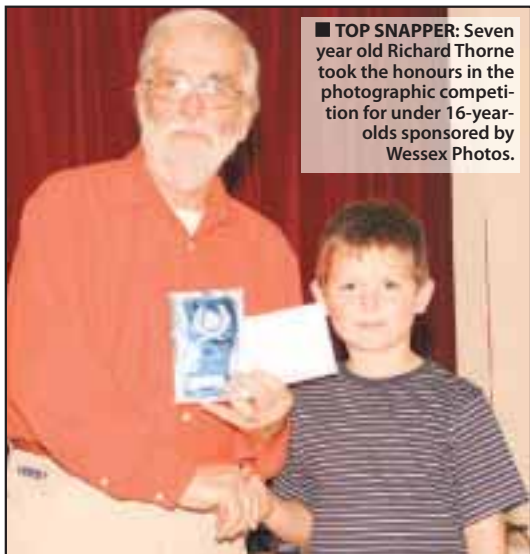
The Weymouth driver was also triumphed in the Victor Ludorum Championship for the best performance across a number of different motor sporting events.

Garry Arnold claimed the runner-up position with the Junior Victor Ludorum (under 23 years of age) title going to Jamie Livingston.

The Committee Cup and the Carpenter Shield were two awards made to non-competing members.

The former, for the person who marshalled at most events, was won by Bridport's Mike Furse whilst the latter was awarded to the person who, in the opinion of the club's committee, had worked most successfully for the benefit of the club and that was Hayley Thorne from Charminster.

Having taken the year off of driving her mighty five litre Pilbeam MP43 sports racer Hayley



■ **TOP SNAPPER:** Seven year old Richard Thorne took the honours in the photographic competition for under 16-year-olds sponsored by Wessex Photos.

became heavily involved in the administration of the club's major speed events.

During the season the club has run a photography competition with sponsorship from Wessex Photos which included four category winners.

Andy Webb and Tony Freeman from Weymouth, Phil Gale from Winfrith in addition to Charminster's Richard Thorne, aged seven, who claimed success in the class for photographers under 16 years of age.

WEST BAY SEA ANGLING CLUB

WITH HANNAH PULLINGER

Chard in sparkling form at Tiverton and Exeter

CHARD Swimming Club were well represented at the **Tiverton Sparkler Meet** recently.

Thirty five swimmers aged 9-17 took part gaining 48 top three medal positions, including 13 first places, 19 second and 16 third places, along with an amazing 37 County qualifying times and five Regional qualifying times.

Gold medals went to: Hannah Pullinger 17, 100m freestyle *and 100m breaststroke*, Ben Fowler 17, 200m backstroke*, Melissa Hanson 15, 200m Individual Medley, Paul Harrison 14, 50 and 200m freestyle and 100m backstroke, Iain Ross 14, 100m butterfly, Henry Taswell 12, 200m butterfly*, 200m Indi-

vidual Medley and 100m backstroke, Joss Copeman 11, 50m backstroke, Millie Downes 9, 200m breaststroke.

*Indicates regional time achieved, Taswell's his first ever one. Oliver Bilbie 15, also achieved a regional time in the 100m backstroke.

Chard swimmers were also successful at the **Exeter Open Meet** where 13 swimmers aged 9 to 17 competed.

Several South West Regional Times were achieved during the day by two of the swimmers; seventeen year olds Ben Fowler the (50, 100 and 200m Backstroke) and Hannah Pullinger (100m Breaststroke and 100m Freestyle) achieving five be-

tween them.

Twenty seven county times were also clocked up between the swimmers.

There was some outstanding swimming with 29 top three positions and many personal best times.

A total of 12 Gold Medals were won by Ben Fowler 17, (50, 100 and 200m Backstroke), Hannah Pullinger 17, (50 and 100m Breaststroke), Jamie Pullinger 15, (100m Backstroke, 50m Freestyle), Paul Harrison 14, (100m Breaststroke, 200m Individual Medley), Eden McDonald 10, (50m Backstroke), Jimmy Brett 9, (200m Backstroke) and Abi Greenslade 9, (50m Backstroke).



■ **SWIMMERS OF THE MONTH:** Joss Copeman and Xanthe Dyer, both 11 years-old

Bridport & Dist skittles League

CUP fixtures for week beginning **MONDAY, DECEMBER 30TH.**

Over 58s - 1st Round (no byes - eight winners each alley)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD

Clock: A Wiscombe; L Dare; B Churchill; M Gurd; J Brooks; M Legg; A Huxter; V Cozens; C Hopkins; N Pye; D. Fox; G Barnes; D Maunder; B Chapple; P Scott; R Herbert; H Yeatman

Bridport FC: S Gale; B Legg; M Chivers; B Cranndon; D Salter; C Langdon; M Hansford; L Farnham; T Davis; G Legg; B Herbert; D Hocking; S Yeatman; M Barnes; L Smith; M Willcox

Division A	Pld	Pts
Wanderers.....	7	14
Denhay Farm.....	8	10
Masters.....	8	10
Shipfaced.....	6	10
Rejects.....	8	8
Rockets.....	7	8
Rough Eight.....	8	8
Slingers.....	8	8
Smithys Boys.....	8	6
Broad Oak.....	7	4
The Dingles.....	7	4
Nelson Nobblers.....	8	0

Division B	Pld	Pts
Gerryatics.....	7	11
Lively Lads.....	7	10
Miss the Ball.....	8	10
Outsiders.....	7	10
Bangers.....	7	6
Crazy Gang.....	6	6
U Know the Bloses.....	6	6
W.Dorset Panthers.....	8	6
Dingbats.....	7	4
NBC.....	6	4
7' Clock.....	7	3

Division C	Pld	Pts
Swimming Club.....	7	10
AFAR.....	7	8
Aussies Lot.....	7	8
Mean Machine.....	6	8
Originals.....	5	8
Bulldogs.....	6	6
LHS.....	6	5
Castouts.....	6	4
Strawpeedoes.....	6	4
Groundhogs.....	6	1

Division D	Pld	Pts
Unknowns.....	7	12
Countrymen.....	7	8
Pioneers.....	7	8
Rob's Rebels.....	5	6
Survivors.....	7	6
Whisky Chasers.....	6	6
Alcoholics.....	6	4
Featherbeds.....	6	4
Let em Roll.....	5	4
Offcuts.....	6	4

Highest individual score: R.Holt (Rough Eight), W.Huxter (Lively Lads), T.Legg (Lively Lads) and N.Willcox (Smithys Boys) all 89.

Ladies Division	Pld	Pts
Brandy Snaps.....	6	10
Hidden Talent.....	5	8
Pinbashers.....	6	8
Yo Yo's.....	5	6
Alleycats.....	4	4
Bad Girls.....	4	2
Tiger Lilies.....	6	2
No Problem.....	4	0

Highest individual score: S.Yeatman (Brandy Snaps) 82.

Football - Bees news

Bees unable to halt Larks run - keeper crisis hits hard

LARKHALL ATHLETIC 4 BRIDPORT 1

Toolstation Premier- att: 115

IT was always going to be a tough order when Bridport travelled to Larkhall Athletic on Saturday.

With a perfect record at Plain Ham, the Larks have only dropped two points this season, a draw at Ilfracombe; whilst the Bees were missing top scorer Ryan Dovell who maybe understandably was unable to get time off work as a postman.

As a result the plan was to try and ensure the Bees could keep a clean sheet for as long as possible.

Unfortunately Bridport got off to the worst possible start, conceding a penalty in the first minute. Kicking off Jamie Filkins' pass back to brother Sam put him under pressure resulting in a hurried clearance that went to Scott Lye.

His run on goal was halted when Ryan Hayter brought him down and Tyler Sibbick blasted home the spot kick.

Playing against a very strong wind, Bridport found it difficult to get out of their own half kicking it long, but then managed to get the ball down and played some good football.

Although Sam Filkins was called up a couple of times to make saves, Bridport were making as many if not more opportunities.

Matt Condliffe had a goal bound shot deflected wide before missing with a side-footed shot after Tom Richardson had forced keeper Chris Snoddy into a save.

However Darren Watts kept his recent goal-scoring run going with an equaliser on the half hour; working a one-two before driving home an angled shot from 10 yards.

It looked as if the Bees had done enough to go into the break all square with the advantage of the wind in the second-half, but the Larks struck twice just before the break.

On 40 minutes Sibbick found Matt Auckland who chipped the ball across goal for Rob Hobbs to fire home at the second attempt.

Then almost on the whistle Hobbs turned provider, his corner being headed back across goal for full-back Luke Scott to nod home from close range.

Bridport protested that Sam Filkins had

been fouled in the build up, but the referee ignored their pleas claiming that it was only one of several fouls committed, and awarded the goal.

The Bees dominated the early part of the second half and were unlucky when Condliffe was brought down right on the edge of the penalty area as he ran through, but unfortunately Dan Wise's free-kick hit the wall.

Then Matt Morley volleyed Wise's cross straight at Snoddy with pace from close range; a fraction either side would have meant a goal and would have put the Bees back in it; before the keeper denied Condliffe with a smart save from his angled shot.

The Bees chance had gone when on 75 minutes Sibbick made the game safe, bulleting home a free header from Auckland's cross.

They then survived another scare when they cleared three shots of the line as Larkhall looked to finish in a flourish.

red-card

However, Bridport's woes were compounded ten minutes from time when Sam Filkins was shown a straight red card.

The keeper went to gather a back pass but was forced to leave his area when it didn't carry through and ended with him mistiming his tackle and just catching Ross Lye as he ran through.

Revenge for depleted Bees

BRIDPORT RES 3 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 1

BRIDPORT Reserves goalkeeping coach Shaun Annetts was drafted in at the 11th hour following a goalkeeping crisis that left the Bees Reserves and thirds with no regular recognised glovemen due to unavailability and injury.

The Bridport defence however worked to plan in making Annetts' job as easy as possible and the former Beaminster gloveman's experience ensured they gained revenge for defeat in the reverse fixture earlier in the season.

With only the bare 11 available manager Robin Townsend was delighted with his sides performance.

"We had to change the team around to suit

the personnel and, while Shaun's organisational skills are superb, his reactions are not quite as quick and so we set about making sure we closed them down quickly to prevent them shooting from range or getting in too many crosses - and it worked a treat; Carl Bulman played at left-back and had a super game."

Ben Clarke worked tirelessly up front and was rewarded with a brace of goals; his first a penalty on 29 minutes.

"We have missed three of our last four penalties so I was pleased when it went in. I have tended not to look of late in the hope of changing our luck, and I did hear the sound of ball on metal which suggests it hit the framework somewhere, but it went in."

The Bees increased their lead two minutes into the second-half when a good team effort saw Clarke score again with a crisp 18-yard shot.

Carl Bulman added a third when he combined with Tristan Gale down the left before cutting in a curling a right foot shot just inside the far post.

Sherborne grabbed a consolation on the hour when poor defending from a set piece saw Darren Rowe head home from close range, but the result was never really in doubt leaving the Bees in sixth place in the Dorset Premier League.

"Considering the situation I was pleased with three points, and it was good to have Darren Lock back in the centre of defence organising things, and Sean Stewart continues to impress, this time in midfield.

"It was a shame we conceded with a bit of a sloppy goal, but overall we played some good football as we can when we are confident, and the result was never in doubt."

Bees beaten by basement boys

BRIDPORT 3RDS 1 BERE REGIS 4

BRIDPORT 3rds manager Andy Hitchcock was furious with his team after they capitulated against bottom side Bere Regis who in their previous ten games had only accumulated

one point and conceded 37 goals.

"That was a pathetic display and they all need to take a good look at themselves.

"There were two or three guys a couple of stone overweight running past some of our players. It isn't good enough and some need to consider whether they are interested in playing football; it's not fair on those who want to play competitive sport."

Because of shortages in the reserves, Hitchcock was limited with his choice, especially in goal where Jack Scovell, despite carrying an ankle injury that hampered his mobility, bravely deputised for Tom Franklin who broke his wrist the day before.

One down after two minutes Bridport equalised through Dom McAllister, but after going behind again were further handicapped on the hour when Ashley Walkey was sent-off for dissent.

The visitors then capitalised on their numerical advantage to add two more and record their first win of the season.

Bridport crush Swans

SWANAGE & HERSTON 1

BRIDPORT YOUTH U17 18

BRIDPORT U17's needed a win to settle their nerves after a couple of recent defeats, although their real opponents on Sunday were not bottom placed Swanage & Herston, but other Division One title contenders who had already notched up high scores against the Swans.

"It's never particularly rewarding playing against a team that is clearly out of its depth but we really needed to get our goal difference up," said manager Terry Warren.

"Games like these can often degenerate into playground football, but I asked the team for a professional approach with no showboating and they went out and gave a really focused performance."

Bridport led 10-0 before conceding a penalty which the Swans converted, before completing a comprehensive victory.

Jonah Ayunga (5), Sam Tabner (5), Will Aburrow (2) Olly Woodcock (2), Tom Foulsham, Jordan Gregory, Olly Mullins and Fred Warren scored the goals.

Current tables

Toolstation Prem	Pld	GD	Pts
Larkhall Athletic	19	42	55
Gillingham Town	23	36	51
Bristol Manor Farm	20	37	47
Street	22	12	43
Old Down	20	13	36
Willand Rovers	22	9	36
Cadbury Heath	21	0	30
Melksham Town	21	-6	29
Brislington	19	-1	27
BRIDPORT	21	0	26
Bitton	19	0	26
Halliley	20	5	25
Buckland Athletic	19	1	24
Longwell Green	18	-10	21
Winterbourne Utd	18	-10	18
Slimbridge	20	-14	18
Radstock Town	21	-20	18
Sherborne Town	20	-12	17
Ilfracombe Town	17	17	17
Hengrove Athletic	20	-22	15
Bishop Sutton	22	-43	11

Dorset Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
Merley Cobham	18	21	36
Hamworthy Rec	18	32	35
PORLAND UNITED	16	32	35
WEYMOUTH RES	18	19	32
Mere Town	17	15	29
BRIDPORT RES	18	14	28
Wareham Rangers	17	7	24
Blandford United	18	-6	24
Shaftesbury Town	20	-10	23
Swanage & Herston	19	0	22
Tintinhull	16	-3	22
Holt United	21	-16	21
Cranborne	19	-35	20
Hamworthy Utd Res	17	-14	18
Parley Sports	20	-23	18
Poole Borough	18	-17	15
Sherborne Town Res	18	-11	14

Dorset Div 1 (bott)	Pld	GD	Pts
Balti House	12	10	28
Milborne Sports	12	22	25
Poundbury Rovers	13	7	22
Weymouth Spartans	13	-3	22
Dorchester Sports	12	13	21
Wincanton Res	10	8	19
Kangaroos	11	7	19
Poole Boro Res	10	0	13
Swanage & Herst Res	13	-9	13
Bridport 3rds	11	-5	11
AFC Cobham	12	-15	11
Stourpaine	12	-17	8
Bere Regis	11	-23	4

Bowls

Ladies smuggle win at Moonfleet

BRIDPORT Ladies took maximum points in the County League with a fine 43-36 overall win against Moonfleet.

Lyn Craddock, Francis Hewett, Millie Meech and Pat Cornick got off to a great start to lead 9-0 after three ends, finally winning 22-17. Ann Parkins, Liz Walker, Margaret Pestelle and

Sue Walsh were 21-12 up after 19, just hanging on as their opponents finished 6,1 for a 21-19 scoreline.

Bridport were host to the South West Umpires Association in their annual charity match, winning 91-46 overall.

On the green Bridport were not in a very charitable mood though, as Rosie Wilton, Mike Craddock, Laura and Bob Taylor took top rink award winning 29-9. Beryl Stork, Sue Gentry,

Phil Hedges and Martin Wilton, 22-7 winners, and Max Dare, Lyn Craddock, Gill Hunt and Brian Rumble who won 25-13 were also on top form winning.

Sylvia and Mike Fletcher, Ann Parkins and Brian Baker however lost 15-17, while the umpires left in high spirits as they enjoyed a superb tea laid on by their hosts and raising £45 for their charity fund.

Keith Gentry, Keith Brooks and Brian Rumble were in superb form for Bridport in the Purbeck Trophy League, destroying a strong Wellworthy trio 28-6, although Peter Hunt, Bob Taylor and Ivor Parker were 12-12 after 14 ends, before losing 12-21.

HORSE RACING

Bollin Eric struts his stuff

BOLLIN Eric, one of the best National Hunt stallions in the area was in the spotlight recently when he took part in the Stallion Parade on Countryside Day at Cheltenham.

The 14-year-old Grade 1 St Leger winner sired by the Epsom Derby winner Shammit, has recently been proving a source of very successful sires, particularly in the National Hunt world.

With the likes of Milan and Scorpion flying the flag, and Bollin Eric too, winner of the Classic in 2002, in the third fastest time over the Doncaster track, has quietly been making a good name for himself, never having covered within a country mile of the books of the other two.

He has an excellent winner/placed ratio to runners, both under rules, with the likes of Grandads Horse leading the way, and in point-to-points.

From an essentially fast family, he won twice as a two-year-old and it is from the Busted sire line that has done so well on the flat and over jumps, but which is becoming increasingly rare.

Bollin Eric, currently standing at Colmer Stud, Marshwood, is the only stallion

standing in Britain with the same Mtoto sire line as Presenting and he represents a chance for owners to access top class per-

formance and pedigree that is such a use-ful out cross to so many lines prevalent today.



■ LOOKING GREAT: Bollin Eric on parade at Cheltenham



■ DOUBLE: Ben Clarke scored twice in Bridport Reserves' 3-1 win on Saturday. Photo by ROB QUINCEY face-book.com/SportPix



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INSIDE: Local sport round up

Terras in no hurry to fill King's seat

HAVING sacked manager Brendon King and his assistant Matt Groves last week, Weymouth Football Club are in no hurry to replace them despite a number of applicants already having applied for the job, and it looks now as a decision won't be made until after Christmas or indeed until the New Year.

The decision to relieve the duo was made following a run of poor results which had seen the Terras lose seven of their last ten league matches and plunged them to 16th place in the Calor Southern Premier Division.

A statement was released late on Thursday evening confirming that goalkeeper Jason Matthews had agreed to take over the role of caretaker manager until a replacement had been found.

Chairman Nigel Biddlecombe

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is quoted as having said that despite receiving applications into double figures as well as a number of enquiries, it is still early days and that they are unlikely to fill it this side of Christmas.

Matthews got his managerial career off to a good start when his side grabbed a draw at high riding Banbury on Saturday.

Determined to ensure they did not concede he played a 4-5-1 formation with just a lone striker.

And although Terras chances were almost non-existent, the solid defensive set-up frustrated the Puritans, although Matthews had to make one superb save to ensure his side banked their hard-earned point.



■ **HAPPIER TIMES:** Brendon King and Matt Groves share a joke at Bridport pre-season.



■ **WELL DONE:** Woolbridge Motor Club President Colin Pook presents MG Midget driver John York (right) from Weymouth with the club's Victor Ludorum trophy - full report inside.

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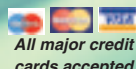
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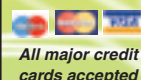
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